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Hun School Janitor Is Charged and Held In Sexual Assault Case

A janitor at the Hun School of Princeton was arrested last week, charged with sexually assaulting a 14-year-old female student at Hun's Upper School.

Township Police Detective Sgt. Ernie Silagyi would not discuss the extent of the assault on the student, whose identity was withheld, but said that the incident occurred on campus, in a classroom where no one else was around, and that she was not physically injured or admitted to any area hospitals.

Township police confirmed Thursday that Erickson Isai Pretzintzin-Suchi, 24, of Trenton, while working for Hun through a subcontractor, the Butler-based Sky-Hi Custodial Services, committed the assault on a student on January 18, at 5:45 p.m. Mr. Pretzintzin-Suchi, who operated under the alias Geovani Villagran, was arrested on January 23 upon his arrival for work at Hun, as a result of an investigation conducted by Township Police and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office.

According to Sgt. Silagyi, Hun School officials had been made aware of information linking the student's assault to Mr. Pretzintzin-Suchi on January 22, and police were awaiting his arrival at Hun to take him into custody the following day.

Bail was set at $250,000 with no 10 percent option. A bail hearing was scheduled for Wednesday morning, January 30, in Mercer County Court. Mr. Pretzintzin-Suchi was held at the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of posting bail, pending court proceedings and possible deportation. Mr. Pretzintzin-Suchi is an illegal immigrant, Sgt. Silagyi said, and he is currently wanted by the Federal Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) bureau. Sgt. Silagyi said it "appears" that Mr. Pretzintzin-Suchi's ICE warrant is for an unrelated charge, but that an investigation revealed that the suspect was wanted for deportation.

That action was in compliance with the state attorney general's directive issued last year requiring police agencies to notify ICE of indictable offenses and drunken-driving cases in which the suspect is believed to be in the country illegally. An ICE agent, supervisory deportation officer Marc Merchiore from the agency's Marlton office, identified Mr. Pretzintzin-Suchi as a man wanted for deportation, police said.

Dr. James M. Byer, headmaster at the

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Suit Pending as Senior Housing Advances

Princeton Township Committee cleared the way for senior housing along a Bunn Drive parcel Monday night, when it voted to amend zoning there that would, if developed, provide the market-rate senior housing in the Township that has long been sought by municipal officials and a core constituency of housing advocates.

But the impact of the unanimous vote was tempered by a pending lawsuit filed by opposed residents, who have characterized development along the Princeton Ridge as a threat to the environment there, and have argued that the specific ordinance advanced by the Township Monday provides an insufficient level of affordable housing.

The five-hour session was the most contentious of a series of public meetings held by the Township, as the governing body deliberated changes to an existing senior housing overlay zone on the 21-acre Bunn Drive parcel just south of the Township's Hilltop Park. The signature component of the measure is a reduction in age minimum to age 55, down from the previous 62 requirement, a move that followed a prospective developer's concern that the age-62 market was too restrictive and that loosening the age restriction would help to advance the Township's long-stated housing goal, as well as philosophies listed in the Princeton Community Master Plan.

There was an approval in 2005 to build 140, age 62-and-over residential units on the Bunn site, but the developer who advanced that proposal, K. Hovnanian, backed out of the project in the fall of 2006, amid concerns about the senior housing market, particularly the age-62 market.

As was the case in 2001, when Township Committee first implemented the Residential Senior Community-2 zoning district on the Bunn Drive tract, a significant number of residents in opposition were quickly mobilized amid concerns over developing the Ridge's rocky, wooded, and sloping terrain, as well as worries over potential flooding from an increase in impervious surface upstream.

In recent weeks, however, opponents began questioning the ordinance's affordable housing requirements. The amended code places a cap of 158 units on the RSC-2, contingent on the approval of 12 sale units to be marketed as affordable, per federal provisions and state mandates. Specifically, the ordinance allows for 146 units, with eight moderate-income and four low-income units built into the development. In addition, there would be a commitment required from the developer to satisfy the growth share

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UMDNJ Report Identifies Health Needs In Preparation for Town-Wide Survey

Health concerns and risks posed to Princeton children, adults, seniors, and Princeton University students were outlined in a report released this month, as municipal health officials plan for a town-wide survey assessing resident concerns related to health and health care.

The study, conducted by the school of Public Health at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, represents the first step taken by the Princeton Regional Health Department in collecting community feedback as part of a formal dialogue.

The first phase centered around "key informants," including the Princeton Regional Schools; Princeton University; municipal officials; Princeton HealthCare System, various non-profit groups like HiTOPS,

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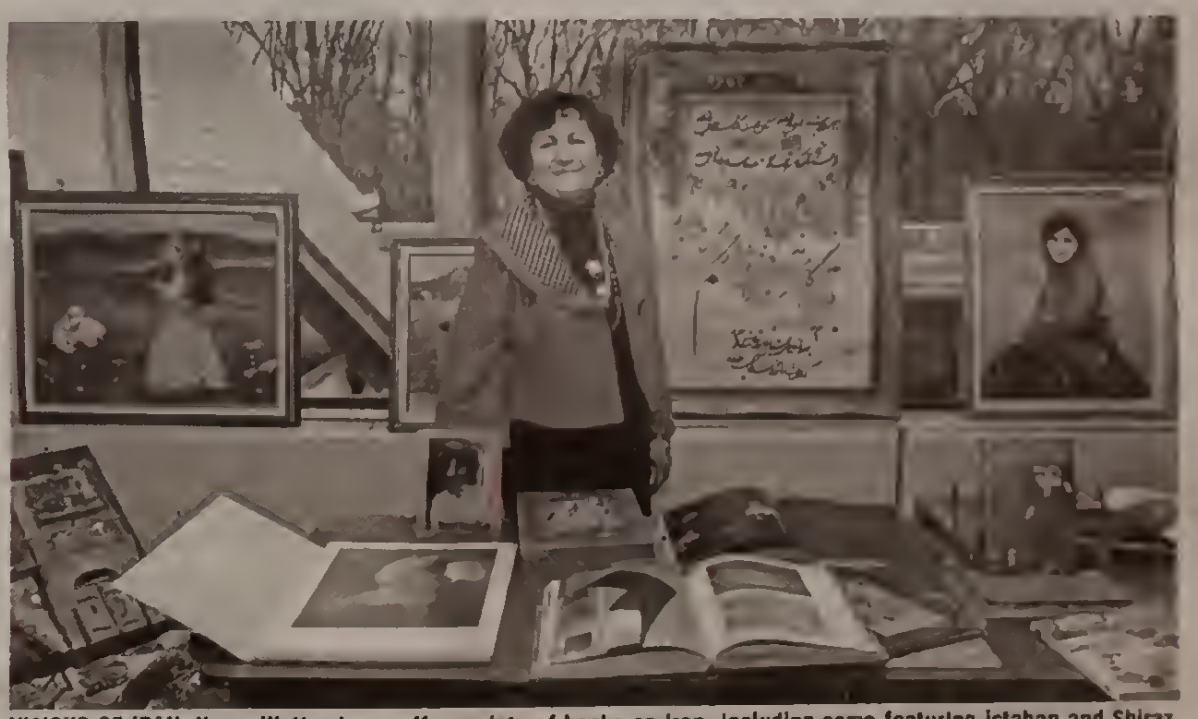

VISIONS OF IRAN: Homa Watts shows off a variety of books on Iran, including some featuring Isfahan and Shiraz, Iranian art, and one among the multitude of published "Rubiyats" during Sunday's "Exploring Iran: An Afternoon of Iranian and Persian Culture." Held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, the event was sponsored by the Coalition for Peace Action in conjunction with the local Iranian community. The size of the turn-out suggests that hundreds of people responded to the promise of a "taste of Iran's vibrant culture" and a chance to meet "the real people behind the headlines."

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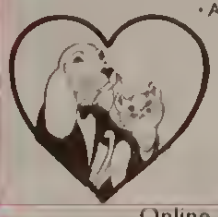

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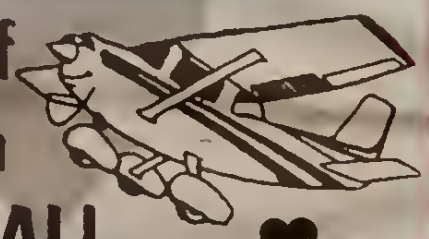

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GROUP EFFORT: Honorary Campaign Chair and Olympic Gold Medal Winner Lesley Bush (PHS '65), Princeton Regional Schools Board President Michael Mostoller, and Bob James, President of the Friends of Princeton Athletics, share the spotlight at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new physical fitness center at Princeton High School on Friday evening.

(Photo by Ellen G Ibert)

"The Definition of Wellness": PHS Fitness Center Opens

Noting that it would have been easy to say "change the vending machines" in response to demands for a healthier environment, Princeton Regional Schools (PRS) Superintendent Judy Wilson lauded the opening of the new Princeton High School (PHS) Fitness Center at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday as the community's answer to the question, "What does fitness mean?"

Ms. Wilson described the effort that led to the new center as a "model of excellence," in which agencies, corporations, and private donors collaborated to "make it happen." The Princeton Education Foundation (PEF), an organization that encourages private philanthropy to enhance public education for students at all levels in Princeton, spearheaded the effort. In her opening comments, Honorary Campaign Chair Lesley Bush, a 1965 graduate of PHS who won the Olympic Gold Medal for platform diving in 1964, noted that "there aren't many other high schools in the area who have gotten this much help."

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The facility, which Ms. Bush described as "a magnificent fitness center," boasts 26 new pieces of state-of-the-art exercise equipment in a large, spanking-new room. PRS Athletic Department Director John Miranda reported that it is being used "morning, noon, and night." In addition to PRS students,

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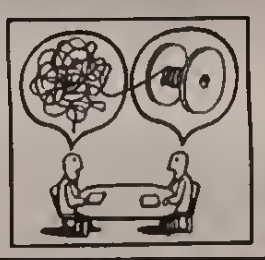

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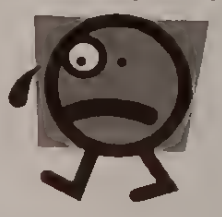

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PHS Fitness Center

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Ms. Bush, who has remained in the Princeton area teaching seventh-grade science, emphasized the importance of the facility not only to "great athletes," but to the ordinary student who wants to make a lifetime commitment to physical fitness. She observed that if a facility like the new center had been available when she was in training as a diver, "Maybe I wouldn't have a bad back and neck today."

Dr. Tracey Orfeans and Mr. John Govea of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation were among the PEF members, contributors, administrators, athletes, teachers, and students in attendance at the Friday night celebration. Of the $93,000 raised so far by PEF, the Foundation donated $25,000 for staff training and low-cost after-school programs to be held in the new center.

—Ellen Gilbert

THIS IS NEAT!: Community Park 3rd-grader Nathaniel Hymen, son of Princeton Education Foundation Board member Molly Chrein, tries on Lesley Bush's Olympic gold medal, which she won in 1964 for platform diving. *(Photo by Ellen Gilbert)*

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At its January 22 meeting, the **Princeton Regional Board of Education** did not, as expected, vote on whether or not to accept the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between education and law enforcement officials. At the meeting, several school board members, as well as residents, spoke out against the document, which describes the laws and agreed protocols and procedures between the school district and local police departments, covering such items as drug and alcohol violations, harassment, and weapons offenses. In other news, an agenda item that provided for a partnership between Heartland Payment Systems and the Board of Education, and the issuance of a "one-card" ID/library debit card to students in the district, passed unanimously. Nancy Schreiber, co-president of the Princeton Regional Education Association, spoke briefly during the open forum at the end of the meeting, saying that, despite several recent meetings, a number of ongoing issues between teachers and the district have yet to be resolved. *(EG)*

Toni Morrison, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author and professor emeritus in humanities at Princeton University, lent her support to Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama (D-Ill) Monday. The endorsement marked the first time Ms. Morrison, who warmly dubbed President Bill Clinton as the country's first black president, lined up behind a candidate. In a statement posted on Mr. Obama's website, Ms. Morrison said that her endorsement had "nothing to do with age, experience, race, or gender." She added in her letter "I would not support you if that was all you had to offer or because it might make me proud." Ms. Morrison said her endorsement was not a knock against Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY), who is battling Mr. Obama in the Democratic primary. Ms. Morrison's endorsement of Mr. Obama was made in the final week leading up to February 5, when a bulk of the nation's delegates, including New Jersey's, are up for grabs. *(MH)*

Princeton University reported Saturday that its trustees had approved a 3.9 percent increase in student fees while also approving an almost 7 percent increase in the undergraduate scholarship budget to ensure that the increase in fees will not affect any student on financial aid. For students not on financial aid, the trustees sought to keep the rate of increase consistent with the expected rate of increase in the incomes of these students' families. The increase is the fowest hike since the 2001-02 academic year, according to the school's website. The projected budget increase in the financial aid program from just over $81 million this year to $86.7 million next year will continue "significant enhancements" the University has made over the past 10 years, including replacing all required foans with grants that do not need to be repaid. This year the average grant for a freshman on financial aid is more than $31,000. These efforts have dramatically increased the economic diversity of Princeton's student body. Of this year's freshman class, 54 percent, or 671 students, are on financial aid. That percentage is a striking change from the class of 2001 — the last class admitted before the enhancements to the aid program — when 38 percent of the freshmen were on aid. The school's undergraduate charges next year will include: $34,290 for tuition, a 3.9 percent increase from $33,000 in 2007-08; $6,205 for room, up 3.8 percent from $5,980; and $5,200 for board, an increase of 4 percent from $5,000.

Library Board Votes for "One Card" And Makes Plans for the Future

The Princeton Public Library (PPL) Board of Trustees voted unanimously to accept the Princeton Heartland Payment System's "one card" plan for Princeton at a meeting on Thursday. A similar plan to support a partnership between Heartland and the Princeton Education Foundation had been unanimously passed earlier in the week at the Tuesday meeting of the Princeton Regional School Board of Education.

Heartland Payment Systems, which provides retailers with the tools for processing credit card transactions, had proposed a pilot program to the Library Board last September. At that time, the Board, which includes the mayors of both Princeton municipalities, three members from the Borough, three members from the Township, and the school Superintendent or her designee, watched a video presentation introduced by Heartland chairman and CEO, Bob Carr. The video described Heartland's introduction of a new campus card for Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. The card, which features cutting edge contact-less technology, allows users to designate a charity of their choice to benefit through Heartland's "Give Something Back" program, whenever it is used to make a purchase at participating merchants.

With the school system now in the picture, the plan is to give Princeton Regional School students a card that will serve as both an ID and a library card. The same card will be issued to library patrons. The 1.5 percent "give-back" on every purchase made with the card will be divided between the Library and the schools, with each receiving 0.25 percent, no matter who issued the card. The cardholder may choose to get the remaining 1 percent back in cash, or give it to an organization of their choice.

Citing unanswered questions and apparent changes since the initial presentation of the plan, the PPL Board had opted to postpone voting on the it in its regular Tuesday meeting. The proposed plan for the Library initially did not include the option of obtaining a card through the school system. At that meeting Board members had also expressed concern about the impact of school-issued cards on the library budget, and the difficulty of keeping track of where the "give back" money would go. After the Thursday morning meeting with Heartland CEO Carr, however, Library Board President Katherine McGavern said that the Board felt confident enough to go ahead with a plan. The Library will begin by giving "1001" patrons a card during Library Week, which begins on April 19. "We'll see how it goes," Ms. McGavern said. No additional card disbursement dates have been set.

The pre-paid or debit card, which is not a credit card, also has the potential to be used in the town's parking meters. Heartland is proposing to supply the new cards and card readers at no cost to the library. Card readers will cost participating merchants around $210.

Headquartered in Princeton, Heartland is the world's sixth largest payment processor. It is traded on the New York Stock Exchange and serves 150,000 restaurants, hotels, and retailers, as well as 300 colleges throughout the U.S. Heartland's processing rate of 1.5 percent is less than the rates charged by Visa, Mastercard, and American Express.

Other Agenda Items

The Library Board welcomed a new member, Borough resident Alison Lahnston, a development officer at the Peddie School with a long standing interest in libraries and the PPL in particular; her mother was a founding member of the Friends of the Library.

Library Director Leslie Burger announced that an "I support public libraries" campaign has begun in response to threatened changes in the equation used to determine funding for municipal public libraries in New Jersey. She described the peculiar situation that has arisen in communities with waterfront property, as a result of the "one-third of every million" on tax dollars formula that has been used to fund libraries to date. Since ratables in these communities with highly desirable real estate have risen, the municipalities have raised more money than their libraries can use. PPL's participation in the "support public library campaign" includes making postcards available to customers at the Circulation Desk, to send to state officials protesting any consequent cuts that would impact all New Jersey libraries.

De-caféd, for Now

Ms. Burger reported that the request for proposals (RFP) from prospective café occupants had been disappointing (only two were received). The RFP did not reflect displeasure with the current occupant, Chez Alice, but was legally mandated. An informal survey indicated that potential respondents had been occupied with the Holiday season, so a new RFP will be issued soon. Ms. Burger noted the presence of "Food for America," an organization that donates 10 percent of its catering revenue, and at least one local business.

Looking Ahead

Reviewing the library staff's benefit package, seeking a resolution to the subsidized parking issue, and clarifying relationships among the Friends, Foundation and Trustees to each other and to donors, were among the Board's stated goals for 2008 in a memo circulated by Library Board President Katherine McGavern. One of the highlights of the coming year is likely to be developing plans for the Library's one-hundredth birthday celebration in 2009. Ms. Burger indicated that she would like this to be a "Board-driven" effort.

—Ellen Gilbert

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Sons were born Seiko and Mitsuhiro Shikamura, Princeton, January 22; and Ashley and Darren Lesnever, Princeton, January 22.

Audubon Society Hosts Shark River Field Trip

Washington Crossing Audubon Society is sponsoring a trip to Shark River, weather permitting, on Saturday, February 2, at 9 a.m. The trip will be led by Lou Beck and Mary Doscher and includes visiting a variety of habitats including bay, ocean, and fresh water ponds about an hour from Princeton. Participants will be able to compare the list of birds seen in the area in November with birds that decided to stay for the winter.

The group will meet in Belmar at the Marina which can be reached by taking I-295 to I-195 to Route 35. Participants should bring their own lunch, including a beverage and dress appropriately for the weather.

In case of inclement weather, contact Lou Beck at (609) 737-0070 to see if the trip has been canceled.

Washington Crossing Audubon Society has approximately 1300 members, mostly from the five counties of central New Jersey. Its monthly lectures and frequent field trips are free and open to the public. For additional information visit www.washingtoncrossigaudubon.org.

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— Inez Scribner, Windermere Drive

"I'm rooting for the Giants all the way and I'll probably be in Hoboken or New York City watching the game. We've always been a Giants family, and with most of my friends, it's always been pretty much split right down the middle between the Giants and Eagles."

— Diana Nini, West Windsor

"I'm rooting for the New England Patriots, because if I didn't, my wife, who is from Massachusetts, would throw me out of the house. We plan to just watch at home and enjoy the game."

— Tom Salomone, North Brunswick

"I'm not rooting for the Giants or the Patriots in the Super Bowl this year because I don't believe in giving Northeast sports teams any more attention than they already get from the media. I won't be watching the game — I'll be at home reading books!"

— Ryan Harper, Lawrence Drive

"I'm hoping the Giants win, and I don't have anything special going on for the Super Bowl — my friends and I are getting together to eat pizza and buffalo wings and just watch the game."

— Brian Davis, North Brunswick

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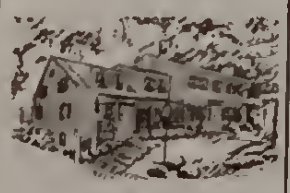

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Corner House, and Princeton Senior Resource Center; both Borough and Township police departments; Latino organizations; and religious and faith-based groups. Twenty-five interviews in all were conducted.

While Princeton was recognized for its positive assets, like Princeton University and Princeton HealthCare System, the report indicates that several informants suggested that some residents did not have as much access as others, particularly immigrants, non-English speakers, and residents belonging to minority groups. Further, the reports says, immigrants in the country illegally tend to be wary of soliciting the area's health care facilities, for fear of being reported to federal immigration agencies.

While the charity care clinic at the hospital was identified as a positive asset for helping uninsured patients sign up for Medicaid and charity care, there was concern expressed over what would happen when the University Medical Center at Princeton relocates to Plainsboro. In order to acquire relocation approvals from the state, however, the hospital agreed to assemble a transportation component to the new facility, as well as providing an information center in town.

Available access to in-town amenities was also a central theme in the report, with study participants listing seniors and Latino residents as having limited means of transportation. Other concerns were associated with driving, poor nutrition, lack of physical movement outside the home, and cluttered living conditions.

Concerning the growing Hispanic community, the study pointed to mental health issues as related to concerns on health care and immigration. One informant, who remained anonymous, said "undocumented immigrants live in constant fear of being reported," and that children of immigrants "are not able to function like other children," leading to "feelings of inferiority and mental health problems." Reproductive health within the Hispanic community was also of particular concern, namely a woman's access to birth control.

Substance abuse and alcohol use among adolescents and other "risk taking behaviors" were outlined in the report, as well as problems stemming from unprotected sex, and gang membership. As was the case in several of the core groups, stress was cited as an increasing concern among adolescents.

In regard to the issue of stress, the report indicates that those participating in the study were worried by a perceived lack of outreach in the mental health community. "There are existing services available," one of the report's informants said, "but there needs to be greater outreach to the community and additional services are required."

Several participants called for a teen health center, similar to the Princeton Senior Resource Center, the report said.

The initial phase of the needs assessment study was designed to frame the larger, community phase, said municipal health officer David Henry. "We want to figure out how to meet those needs and prioritize those needs," he said, adding that a community-wide survey would be mailed out to every Borough and Township residence as early as the summer. Mr. Henry said that the Health Department would likely partner with the Princeton Public Library in helping to distribute the survey. "We need to make sure that we hear from our residents about what their public health needs are," he said.

For now, preliminary surveys will be distributed to members of both Princeton governing bodies. Once the community survey is complete, a strategic plan will result, Mr. Henry said.

—Matthew Hersh

Celebration Honors Washington's Birthday

The public is invited to attend a celebration to honor George Washington's birthday at the Johnson Ferry House, located at Washington Crossing State Park on Sunday, February 17, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature a variety of domestic and educational activities typical of the 18th century in both the farmhouse and the barn shop.

Visitors will be entertained with hymn music in the parlor and have an opportunity to try quill pen writing and play with colonial toys and board games. Since gingerbread was one of Washington's favorite treats, there will be a gingerbread baking demonstration in the kitchen. Other activities include wool spinning in the parlor bedchamber and wood tool making in the stone barn.

Punch and gingerbread will be available as refreshments and admission is free but donations are appreciated to defray costs. For additional information call (609) 737-2515.

Coalition for Peace Action To Host Interfaith Retreat

A one-day interfaith retreat, *Spirituol Pilgrimages of Peocemaking*, will take place this Saturday, February 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Erdman Conference Center of Princeton Theological Seminary, located at 12 Library Place in Princeton. The aim, organizers said, will be to draw on a "wide range of faith traditions to engage participants in tapping a variety of spiritual resources in their pilgrimages of peacemaking."

The retreat is co-sponsored by Fellowship in Prayer and the Coalition for Peace Action, both based in Princeton.

Dr. Walter Wink, a professor emeritus of Biblical Interpretation at Auburn Theological Seminary and former professor at Union Theological Seminary, will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Wink will be joined by his wife, June Keener Wink, who also taught at Auburn, and who will lead the group in artistic expression of the integration of mind, body and spirit.

The day will begin with a multi-faith prayer service, and SiriOm Singh and his group of musicians will share devotional music.

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Borough Hall Approves PD Pay Hikes, As Challenges to Increases Fade

Borough Hall handed out pay increases to the Princeton Borough Police Departments top administrative law enforcers last week, and, at least for now, concerns over precipitous police pay increases will likely wait until the next union contract discussion, three years out.

The 5-1 vote, in favor of an ordinance introduced two weeks ago, came after a Council discussion where members expressed significant concern over a municipality's continued ability to finance law enforcement, while fighting a losing battle against police union contracts.

Under the new code, a 3.75 percent increase, retroactive to 2007, would set an entry level police officer's yearly salary at $112,444, with $1,500 intervals in between each one-year pay bracket. As such, a fifth-year superior officer would receive $118,444, retroactive to 2007.

After five years, the ordinance outlines increases based on experience, with 2 percent increase of base pay after five years, 2 percent after eight years, 3 percent after 10 years, 4 percent after 15 years, 5 percent after 20 years, and 6 percent after 24 years.

Princeton Borough allocated roughly $3.3 million in police salaries and wages in 2007.

Councilman David Goldfarb, originally a leading opponent of the increases, was the first to acknowledge that challenging the hikes could prove more detrimental for the Borough.

"We can't continue like this or salaries will continue to rise," Mr. Goldfarb said, though adding that the "system is set up so we have very little room," and that the likely outcome of challenging the pay increases would be even higher salaries.

All but Councilman Roger Martindell ultimately voted for the measure. Mr. Martindell, who also voted to hold off on introducing the ordinance two weeks ago, repeated his original claim that the Borough should bring its complaint to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, but also evoked the specter of a recession in casting the lone nay vote.

"How can we ask our taxpayers to pay an increase in salary of more than 5 percent a year, at a time when we are going to hit a recession, is unbelievable," Mr. Martindell said. "It's a bad deal."

Mr. Martindell acknowledged the risks posed if the Borough were not to pass the measure, and entered into arbitration. "We're not going to be any better off, but if we're on the threshold of a recession, then there may be some hope that an arbitrator would not be supporting a 5 percent per year increase, and I don't see any evidence before us that would indicate otherwise."

Mr. Martindell said Council "had a responsibility to do what we can" to keep taxes low. "If the state system is so wacky, that we vote this down and the state imposes an increase, then that's unfortunate, and we should take it to the League, the governor, and to the Legislature."

Council President Peggy Karcher said that the issue could provide an opportunity to discuss departmental consolidation with Princeton Township, a proposal that the Township has rejected in the past without full municipal consolidation.

—Matthew Hersh

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David Schure

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Four Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart students were recognized recently at Princeton University's annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. The boys submitted entries to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay and Poster Contest, sponsored by the University. The theme of this year's contest was Immigration. Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart winners include: Essay Contest, grades 6-8: **Lyndon Lapera** of Pennington, first place prize; **Jack Orlowski-Scherer** of New Brunswick, third place prize. Poster Contest, grades 6-8: **Spencer Reynolds** of Princeton, third place prize; and **Lewis Gaskin** of Skillman, honorable mention.

Robert J. Lackie

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU: In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, students from the Lawrenceville School gave a day of community service to local organizations last week. Several students visited the YWCA Princeton's Child Care Center at Valley Road School, to interact with the children and work with them on various projects. Anne Schwartz, 17, a Lawrenceville junior from Dumfries, Va., made two friends: Kevin Castillo, 4, from Lawrenceville, on the left, and Allison Cruz, 3, from Plainsboro.

HEALTH CARE AT QUAKERBRIDGE: Family Health Center recently opened a new facility at Quakerbridge, offering comprehensive care at the only family medicine residency teaching facility for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey — Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (UMDNJ—RWJMS). Faculty physicians at the Family Health Center at Quakerbridge include (from left): Jabbar Zafar, DO; Martha Lansing, MD; Ruppert A. "Tony" Hawes, MD; Alan Remde, MD; and Deborah Ginsburg, MD.

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With Downtown Projects on Track for 2008, Parking Will Pose Long-term Obstacles

The proposed Nassau Inn expansion is just the tip of the iceberg.

Several major developments are primed to break ground in downtown Princeton this year, and municipal officials are calling on Borough government to start thinking creatively about parking, and lots of it.

There are 100 residential units slated to come to undeveloped land on Palmer Square's Hulfish North, and 53 units planned for development on the Tulane Street surface lot. Combine that with Nassau Inn's proposed expansion for conference, reception, and retail space, and some officials are wondering aloud if the Borough can handle it.

Earlier this month, Marvin Reed, a member of the Regional Planning Board of Princeton member and a former Borough mayor, urged Borough Council to take initiative before the Borough's parking situation deteriorated. Mr. Reed's comments were in the context of the Planning Board's review of a minor change at Labyrinth Books on Nassau Street, but were designed to paint a bigger picture. "In the last several years, buildings downtown have been sold and bought, but it is difficult to understand how those buyers could anticipate paying the price they did for those buildings without thinking about expansion," Mr. Reed said "It begs the question: how can the Borough anticipate accommodating expansion without overloading the parking system?"

The sale of 80 Nassau Street, the building that formerly housed Hinkson's, fetched nearly $6 million: good news, Mr. Reed reported, and that's just one example. Several buildings downtown have been purchased for "what appear to be fairly high, but good prices for downtown commercial spaces, and that shows that downtown is very valuable property."

The Labyrinth Books application, which sought to add more retail space in its basement, thus requiring more parking, was approved under the assurance that the independent bookstore's affiliate, Princeton University, would provide off-site employee parking. "That sounded reasonable, but we had to make sure to see a management plan, and then make sure the Borough would be part of the management of that plan."

The Planning Board agreed to have Borough Hall make sure that the jitney the University uses to meet some parking requirements, operates well, and "is actually being used by those employees, and not having them overload the parking demand in the downtown area," Mr. Reed said.

The University's shuttle system, the former mayor added, could become a model for future shuttle necessities, including those suggested by the question of whether future development on the Merwick and YM/YWCA site in the Borough could also accommodate parking for downtown employees. "If that actually materializes, then we have to have the precedent and the system by which people are able to depend upon that kind of off-site parking," Mr. Reed said.

While the Borough could at some point explore new parking facilities, nothing is planned yet. The Borough has roughly 1,700 municipal parking spaces, a number that includes the Spring Street municipal garage, but does not include private parking decks on Palmer Square.

"Are we going to need more parking in the future? Yes," said Borough administrator Robert Bruschi, adding that while the municipal staff was exploring "a number of alternatives, we're not ready to build another garage." Mr. Bruschi said that although he was encouraged by the continued investment downtown, from a development standpoint, "I'm not so sure how long people will invest if they can't expand." The planned Borough jitney "will help," he added, particularly when the municipal shuttle ties in with the campus system. "Not every property is conducive to onsite parking. In fact, very few are," Mr. Bruschi said, echoing Mr. Reed's assertion: "If you're going to spend money on an old building, then you want to renovate and make it bigger. We need to get creative."

—Matthew Hersh

Princeton Junior School Honors Martin Luther King Jr.

Respect. Courage. Kindness. Nonviolence. Those four words represented the key message of Martin Luther King Day at Princeton Junior School (PJS). Student Council members kicked off a morning Assembly on January 18th by reciting famous quotes from Dr. King, followed by the PJS choir leading everyone in a rendition of "Wade in the Water."

Guest speaker Reverend Ethan Evans, parent of first-grader Nabia, then spoke to students about Dr. King's goal of the world living together in racial harmony and peace. A second guest speaker, Pennington School teacher Ida Malloy, aunt of third-grader Selah Kamau, asked children to think about ways to love themselves, love others, and have respect for something bigger than themselves.

PJS students also participated in several community service projects. First and fourth grade students established a new school record, packing 232 lunches for the Trenton Rescue Mission. Third graders, Pre-K, and Jr-K decorated the lunch bags. Kindergartners and fifth grade students created cards and flower-filled vases for a nursing home in Cranbury. Second and third graders wrote letters to Lawrence and Princeton Township officials, asking that recycling and compost bins be placed in local restaurants, and on streets around town. They also asked that the paper on which their letters were written be recycled after they had been read.

The Princeton Junior School is an independent school for children in preschool through Grade five, located on six acres near the intersection of the Route 206 and Fackler Road in Lawrenceville.

Audubon Scholarship Available to Educators

Washington Crossing Audubon Society is offering a full scholarship for an educator to attend the Audubon Educators Workshop Week, taking place July 13-19, on Hog Island in Maine's Muscongus Bay.

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The scholarship is being funded from the bequest of Roberta (Polly) Holden. Educators may apply for the scholarship by writing a letter to the Audubon Society, including background information about the applicant, teaching experience, and outlining the potential benefits of the workshop to the applicant and their students. Letters of application should be mailed to: Scholarship, Washington Crossing Audubon Society, P.O. Box 112, Pennington, NJ 08534 and must be received no later than Wednesday, April 30. For additional information call Herb Lord at (609) 443-3981.

OBSERVING MLK OAY: (from left): Princeton Junior School headmaster Peter Y. Rapelye, Reverend Ethan Evans with his daughter, Nabia, and Mrs. Ida Malloy with her niece Selah Kamau.

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Hun School, said that the student "is doing well at this point. We're very saddened by the news of the arrest on our campus." He added that the school administration has been in close contact with the student and her family. "It's a very difficult time," he said. School officials declined to say whether the student was a boarder or day-student, and whether or not she is back in school.

"As soon as we found out about it on our end, the police were contacted and were brought into the picture," said Bill McQuade, Head of the upper school at Hun. Having a student victimized like this "is one of the toughest situations any school can be in," Mr. McQuade said.

He said the school also has reached out to students, parents and employees to inform them about the incident and offer counseling to anyone who wants it — including, first and foremost, the victim and her family.

"The victim was in the area for legitimate reasons and this individual was working in the area," Sgt. Silagyi said. He said that Mr. Pretzintzin-Suchi had been working at the school for just two weeks.

Mr. McQuade said Hun has used Sky-Hi Custodial Services for six or seven years and, as of yesterday, they were still providing janitorial services for the school. At this time, Mr. McQuade said, it was too early to predict what changes, if any, the school will make as a result of this incident. "We are constantly evaluating everything that we do here at the school," he said.

The Hun School, which charges $26,960 annually for commuter students and $36,190 for on-campus residents, has an enrollment of 590 drawn from 14 countries in grades 6 to 12 and pre-college.

Sgt. Silagyi and Det. Nancy Diaz of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office are leading the investigation.

—Ellen Gilbert
—Matthew Hersh

Legendary JFK Speechwriter To Speak at Peddie School

Theodore Sorensen, former advisor to President John F. Kennedy, will deliver a talk as part of the ongoing Peddie Speakers Series on Wednesday, February 6, at 7:15 p.m. in Geiger Reeves Hall on the Peddie School campus in Hightstown.

Like President Kennedy's brother, Senator Edward Kennedy, and daughter, Caroline Kennedy, Mr. Sorenson recently endorsed Senator Barack Obama's candidacy for President of the United States.

Mr. Sorensen is best known for his close association with President Kennedy. Serving as a legislative and administrative assistant and speechwriter for then-Senator Kennedy, Sorensen went on to play an instrumental role in organizing the presidential campaign of 1960, particularly helping in the effort to counter anti-Catholic prejudice.

Referred to by the President as his "intellectual blood bank," Mr. Sorenson served as his special counsel and speechwriter. He was a key advisor during the Cuban missile crisis, became deeply involved in civil rights legislation, and helped to promote the nascent space program.

In 1965, Mr. Sorenson published the international best-seller *Kennedy*, followed by seven other books on the presidency, politics, and foreign policy, along with numerous articles in Foreign Affairs, the New York Times, and other publications.

As a senior partner for more than 36 years, and now of counsel, at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York, Mr. Sorensen chaired the firm's International Practice Committee, representing the U.S. and multinational corporations in negotiations with governments and leaders all over the world.

The Sorensen lecture is free and open to both Peddie students and the public.

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Stuart Students Enact Experience Of World's Hungry People

"For some, banquet means lots of food. But for many, the only meal served is hunger. Feast or famine — it's the luck of the draw." Taking to heart this dire advisory from Oxfam of America at lunch last Thursday, high school students at the Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart actually drew cards that assigned them to different economic levels, and proceeded to eat accordingly.

Sponsored by the school's student Outreach Committee, participation in the event was optional, but most girls chose to take part. As a result, some, representing the high-income group, found themselves sitting at tables with plates full of tortillas, beans, rice, guacamole, sour cream, corn, salad, fruit, and a delicious churro (a kind of Mexican cruller with sugar and cinnamon) for dessert. Others, representing middle income populations, had rice, beans, and water. The third and poorest group, sat on the floor eating a meager meal of rice and water.

Advised by teacher Doug Green, Stuart's Outreach Committee focuses on community service opportunities and raising student and community awareness of social issues. Past projects have included a study of Fair Trade, responding to victims of Hurricane Katrina, and raising money for Stuart's sister school in Peru after it was damaged in an earthquake. This was the second "hunger banquet" held at Stuart; the first was four years ago.

"This is an everyday thing for most people," commented senior Raines Plambeck, as she ate the rice and beans served to her "middle class" group. Another senior, Kate Baker, addressed the crowded lunchroom at the end of the program. Providing statistics on each group, she noted that, in all, there are 1.2 billion hungry people in the world today, and that 24,000 of them die each day.

The students used international development and relief agency Oxfam America's model for the Hunger Banquet. "Oxfam" was the original postal abbreviation for the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, which was started in England during World War II to provide relief to war victims in Europe. Since then, Oxfams have been established in 12 countries. Oxfam believes that a lack of food is not the root cause of hunger in the world. The problem, they say, is in the distribution of food, and education, resources, and power.

In addition to empathy for the world's poor, the spirit of sharing was very much in evidence at Stuart, as girls from the well-fed upper class sorrowfully eyed their hungry classmates in the two lower-income groups, and passed them some of their bounty (especially the churros).

—Elfen Gifbert

THAT LOOKS GOOD: Amanda Sharp "sharing" food with Alaina Gaines at Stuart's Hunger Banquet. Ms. Sharp had placed into the "low income" group, receiving a bowl of rice and water for lunch. Ms. Gaines, a "high income" representative, had Tortillas, beans, rice, guacamole, sour cream, and more. Both girls are seniors at Stuart. (Photo by Echo Fung)

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Mailbox

High Density Bunn Drive Development Would Contravene Town's Master Plan

To the Editor:

At its meeting scheduled for January 28, Princeton Township Committee is set to foist high density development, falsely labeled "senior housing," on the Princeton Ridge, in contradiction to the Master Plan.

The place where the so-called senior housing would be built is adjacent to Hilltop Park on Bunn Drive and contains a magnificent stand of healthy old trees. One of the beech trees is over three feet in diameter and is about 90 feet tall. Six other beeches are between two and three feet in diameter. It should be noted that beech trees, with their roots extending well beyond the drip line, are very sensitive. If their roots are traumatized during construction, the beeches can take as long as ten years to die. A sample of other massive trees on the site includes an oak that is about 110 feet tall and 3 1/2 feet in diameter, a shagbark hickory that is two feet in diameter, and an ash three feet in diameter.

The stand of trees, if left standing, would make a fine shady extension of Hilltop Park. The concept plan that is behind the rush to write the age-restricted ordinance shows a 54-foot high building looming over the park. Won't such a mammoth building detract from the enjoyment of this park? Don't we have a responsibility to not degrade the experience of the children of the affordable housing complex directly across Bunn Drive?

One thing that makes the Ridge inappropriate for development is the fact that it is underlain by a mass of impermeable igneous rock, the infamous diabase, topped by a thin layer of soil that is protected by a mature forest. Were it not for that forest, rain water would quickly run off, carrying suit with it, as happens where the trees have been removed. This adds to the flooding that is already a problem downstream. Where there are still trees on the Ridge, storm water is largely held back by the root system and by the leafy canopy.

Why is there such a rush to push through the Overlay Ordinance revision allowing this inappropriate development when another necessary ordinance revision, the one requiring mandatory tree protection and replacement by builders, has been languishing somewhere in Township Hall for over a year?

Why are Township officials espousing the mantra of "sustainability" while at the same time taking such an unsustainable action on our behalf?

SARAH HOLLISTER
Ridgeview Road

King Commemoration Speaker Draws Criticism for Immigration Comparison

To the Editor:

Shame on Jose Huizar ("King's Dream Seen as Key to Immigration," Town Topics, January 23) for invoking the good name of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for the benefit of the illegal immigration mess.

Dr. King worked tirelessly for a group of law-abiding Americans who were being treated in an appalling fashion. The real victims of illegal immigration today are the hundreds of millions of Americans and legal immigrants who are paying through the nose on a daily basis for the 12 million people who chose to defy the current immigration policy, which Mr. Huizar wants to see changed. Mr. Huizar would do better to look at the human rights of his native country and ask why so many of his countrymen flock to the United States illegally, then fix *that* problem.

TOM ROONEY
Jefferson Road

Princeton School Garden Cooperative Thanks Its Teaching Garden Sponsors

To the Editor:

The Princeton School Garden Cooperative (PSGC) would like to thank the community for supporting our mission to grow teaching gardens at every Princeton Public School this past year.

The students have benefited not only because they are putting their hands in the soil and growing healthy foods, but also because they are participating in hands-on learning that makes education come alive. There is nothing like witnessing a child pick a sugar snap pea that she planted in early spring, pop it in her mouth and get back in line for the school dismissal bell, or overhear a teacher say that the garden has become integral to the lessons taught in class.

Each of our public elementary schools now has edible teaching gardens thanks to the continued support of Superintendent of Schools Judy Wilson, as well as each principal, and many students and teachers. One example of the dedication we have seen from the teachers is Liza Czelusniak, of Community Park Elementary School. With the support of Sharon Goldman, Community Park Principal, Ms. Czelusniak encouraged every teacher in the school to participate in growing a garden plot with the children. The Community Park gardens generated so much interest and fresh produce last year that the teachers are now asking to expand their plots this spring.

Local businesses have also banded together in innovative ways to support the garden initiative. The bent spoon ice cream shop, Whole Earth Center, Small World Coffee, and Terhune Orchards partnered to make and sell ice cream pints with the proceeds going to support the school gardens. Camilio's Cafe has used the basil and flowers grown at Riverside Elementary School in its meals and on its tables.

The project couldn't have moved forward as quickly without financial support from local and regional nonprofits such as The New Jersey Committee of the Garden Club of America, The Garden Club of Princeton, and a local private foundation. These groups provided us the financial means to hire a coordinator and write a garden based curriculum for pre-k through fifth grade with elementary school teachers. The Princeton Education Foundation has also played a part by serving as our fiscal agent.

In February, we will provide start-up funds of $500 each to Princeton High and John Witherspoon Middle schools for teaching gardens at each location. We also plan to expand the garden based curriculum for sixth through twelfth grade students. We welcome any garden based lesson plans that educators might share in hopes of keeping the curriculum a living document.

The school gardens are a win-win program that the Princeton community can truly claim as its own. Thank you, Princeton. We look forward to sharing ideas and vegetables with each of you in the year ahead.

DIANE LANDIS
Wheatsheaf Lane
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Friends of Blawenburg Village School Thanked for Trike-A-Thon Donations

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the families and friends of the Blawenburg Village School for their generous donations to our Advent Outreach Project. This year, BVS held a Trike-A-Thon to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. In addition to teaching children riding toy safety, our Trike-A-Thon raised $4,800 for children with serious medical conditions.

Our preschool students and teachers did their part by doing laps on our pretend trails named Teddy Bear Drive and Huggins Circle. Many rode tricycles, scooters, and tot riding toys while others walked as Christmas music was motivating them in the background. BVS families, members of the Blawenburg Reformed Church, and other members of the community generously gave to a very worthwhile cause. The children learned that there are some girls and boys in need of a great deal of medicine, a lesson even our youngest understood. It was a very heartwarming experience to see them work together and support other children.

LAURA SARUBBI
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Calendar

Wednesday, January 30

7:30 p.m.: Westminster Choir College Faculty Recital Series with baritone Elem Eley and pianist J. J. Penna; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

7:30 p.m.: Edward Albee's *Me, Myself and I*; Berlind Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m

Thursday, January 31

8:30 to 10 a.m.: Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Leadership Forum with Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation President David Grant; Marriott Princeton Hotel and Conference Center.

7 p.m.: Lecture, "The City and the Valley: An Unfinished Fable," by Prof. Kimberly Smith; D&R Greenway Land Trust, One Preservation Place. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Talk, "Secrets of the Inca," by Bucks County Community College Prof. Douglas Rosentrater; Princeton Public Library. Free.

8 p.m.: Paco Peña Flamenco Dance Company; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Jessica Tomsko acoustic band; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Friday, February 1

10 a.m.: *Sleeping Beouty*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

7 p.m.: *Smokey Joe's Café*; Bucks County Country Club, Jamison, Pa. Also Saturday at noon and 6 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Driving Miss Daisy*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Goodbye Chorlie*; The Heritage Center, Morrisville, Pa. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 6 p.m.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: *Relatively Speoking*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: African Footprint; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Eric Lyden and Darren Dillon; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 2

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Lawrenceville/Princeton Antique Show benefiting Womanspace Inc.; National Guard Armory, Lawrenceville. Also Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2 and 4 p.m.: *Funny Stuff* Circus; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

6:30 p.m.: Darla Rich Quintet; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

7:30 p.m. New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players' *Princess Ida*; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra's *Broodwoy Pops!* concert; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Annual Princeton Center for Yoga & Health concert with songwriter-folksinger David Brahinsky; PCYH, 50 Vreeland Drive, Skillman.

8 p.m.: "Contrasts in Sound" concert with pianist James Goldsworthy, soprano Judith Bettina, and guitarist James Day; The Playhouse, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Buckwheat Zydeco and Kevin Dorn's Traditional Jazz Collective; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Sunday, February 3

Noon to 2 p.m.: Oyster Bowl IX, 9th annual oyster eating contest benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure; Blue Point Grill, Nassau Street.

2 p.m.: Black History Month talk/reading by journalist Dominic Carter, author of *No Mommo's Boy*; Princeton Public Library.

3 p.m.: Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra's annual Winter Concert; Performing Arts Center, Princeton High School.

4 p.m.: Global Cinema Café Screening of *Rood to Guontanamo*; Carl A. Fields Center, Olden and Prospect Avenues. Free.

Monday, February 4

12:30 p.m.: Princeton Senior Resource Center opera video series, *Beverly Sills in Americo*; Suzanne Patterson Building. Free. To register, call (609) 924-7108.

8 p.m.: Cello-violin duo, David Finckel and Wu Han; McCarter Theatre.

Tuesday, February 5

7 p.m.: Technology Talk with Robert Lackie of Rider University, "Detecting and Protecting Your Digital Footprint"; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Edward Albee's *Me, Myself ond I*; Berlind Theatre. Also Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 6

10:15 a.m.: Chinese New Year celebration; Princeton Senior Resource Center, Suzanne Patterson Building.

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Fedora Cafe, Lawrenceville.

7:30 p.m.: Talk by Princeton resident James Harford, author of *Merton ond Friends: A Joint Biogrophy of Thomos Merton, Robert Lox, ond Edword Rice*; Princeton Public Library. Free.

Thursday, February 7

7 p.m.: Screening of *No End in Sight*; Princeton Public Library. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Andrew Lloyd Webber's *CATS*; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Special Education PTO meeting; John Witherspoon Middle School.

8 p.m.: AEROS, Romanian gymnastic dance troupe; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Friday, February 8

7 p.m.: Young Artists International benefit concert; Mercer Oaks Golf Course Clubhouse, West Windsor.

7 p.m.: *Smokey Joe's Cofé*; Bucks County Country Club, Jamison, Pa. Also Saturday at noon and 6 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Staged reading of *The Breoch*, co-Sponsored by Arts Council of Princeton; Performing Arts Center, Princeton High School. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Opera New Jersey's *Rigoletto*; McCarter Theatre.

7:30 p.m.: World Championship Ice Racing; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton.

8 p.m.: *Driving Miss Daisy*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Dance Improv, Live; All Saints' Church.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Department of Music Student Recital with Steven Chen '08, violin; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

8 p.m.: Senior thesis production of *Heddo Gobler*; Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Jackie Kashian and Keith Anthony; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Trinity Irish Dance Company; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Saturday, February 9

2 p.m.: Princeton String Academy; Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Princeton Junction. Free.

2 and 7:30 p.m.: *A Yeor With Frog ond Toad*; McCarter Theatre. Also Sunday at 3 p.m.

6:30 p.m.: Dick Braytenbah Trio with Tony Mennella; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

7:30 p.m.: *Absolutely o Coppello!* concert with Princeton Girlchoir, University of Pennsylvania's Off the Beat, and Rutgers University's Deep Treble; Performing Arts Center, Princeton High School.

8 p.m.: Princeton Singers' Valentine's concert; Johnson Education Center, D&R Greenway Land Trust, 1 Preservation Place.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan 30 – Wednesday, Feb 6

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108
SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER (SRC) at Spruce Circle (SC) off Harrison St. Suzanne Patterson Bldg (SPB); Redding Circle (RC); Borough Hall (BH); Harriet Bryan Building (HBH); Henry F. Pannell Learning Center (HPLC); Princeton University (PU); Princeton University Art Museum (PUAM). Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108.

Wednesday, January 30:

9:15 a.m.	Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Let's Talk; RC.
10:30 a.m.	Word Origins; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Digital Photography; SPB.
11:45 a.m.	Memoir Writing; SC.
1:30 p.m.	Let's Talk English; SC.
1:30 p.m.	Art with Bob; SPB.
3:00 p.m.	Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, January 31:

9:30 a.m.	Bridge Adv. Beginners Class; SPB.
10:00 a.m.	Computer Basics; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Yoga; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Art with Hannah; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Bridge, sanctioned; SPB.

Friday, February 1:

9:00 a.m.	Tax Help; SPB.
9:15 a.m.	Let's Talk English Too; RC.
9:15 a.m.	Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m.	Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m.	Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m.	Movie: "The Inside Man"; SPB.

Monday, February 4:

9:15 a.m.	Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Group Drumming; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Beginning English; HBH.
11:30 a.m.	Chair Exercise; SC.
12:30 p.m.	American Literature for ESL; SPB.
12:30 p.m.	Opera Video: "Beverly Sills"; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Senior Citizen Club Board; SPB.
1:30 p.m.	Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.
2:30 p.m.	Yoga; HBH.

Tuesday, February 5:

11:00 a.m.	Strength Training; SPB..
1:00 p.m.	Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Computer Lab; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Literature; SPB.

Wednesday, February 6:

9:15 a.m.	Aerobics; SPB.
10:15 a.m.	Chinese New Year Celebration; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Let's Talk; RC.
11:45 a.m.	Memoir Writing; SC.
1:00 p.m.	Memory Improvement; SPB.
1:30 p.m.	Art with Bob; SPB.

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Police Blotter

Princeton Township

On January 25, just after 6 p.m., police were dispatched to the intersection of Princeton-Kingston Road and Shady Brook Lane following a reported two-car motor vehicle accident. According to police, a 1998 Toyota Camry, driven by Trevor R. Hullfish, 18, of Princeton Borough, was traveling east on Shady Brook Lane and approached the Princeton-Kingston Road intersection. When Mr. Hullfish attempted to turn on to Princeton-Kingston Road, his car struck a 1995 Buick Century driven by Russel E. Marks Jr., 75, of Plainsboro. Three passengers inside Mr. Marks' vehicle were injured as a result of the accident and all three were taken to University Medical Center at Princeton. None of the injuries was life threatening, police said Tuesday. That section of Princeton-Kingston Road was closed for one hour while police investigated the accident. Mr. Hullfish was issued summonses for failure to stop and failure to yield at a stop sign.

Katherine E. Roche, 51, of Hopewell Township, was arrested January 28, at 8:02 a.m., for an outstanding $130 traffic warrant out of Princeton Borough Municipal Court.

Princeton Borough

Lisa Bendele, 21, of Austin, Texas, was arrested January 20, at 8:43 a.m., for allegedly assaulting a nurse at the University Medical Center at Princeton. According to police, Ms. Bendele, a student at Princeton University, was being treated at the hospital for high alcohol intoxication when she struck the emergency room nurse who was tending to her. Ms. Bendele was charged with aggravated assault and was later released.

Fredy Lopez, 23, of Princeton Borough, was arrested January 27, at 2:22 a.m., when, during a motor vehicle stop on Madison Street, he allegedly showed police a fake insurance card. Mr. Lopez was later released.

The Princeton Borough Police Department reported the following warrant arrests:

Anthony Robinson, 27, of Princeton Township, on January 18, at 5:03 p.m., for a $2,790 warrant out of Trenton Municipal Court;

Rebecca Anthony-Zamborsky, 25, of Hamilton, on January 21, at 10:14 a.m., for a $750 warrant out of Hamilton Township Municipal Court;

Michael Sullivan, 26, of West Windsor, on January 24, at 12:34 a.m., for a $250 warrant out of Montgomery Township Municipal Court;

Jorrel Bello, 22, of East Windsor, on January 25, at 12:54 a.m., for a $907 warrant out of Hillsborough Township Municipal Court.

The Princeton Borough Police Department reported the following DWI arrests:

Shannon Bulk, 20, of Cranbury, on January 25, at 11:52 p.m., while driving on Nassau Street;

Emmanuel Studer, 34, of Princeton Township, on January 26, at 2:04 a.m., while driving on Harrison Street;

Susan Lehnhardt, 49, of Princeton Borough, on January 28, at 10:46 p.m., while driving on Nassau Street. Ms. Lehnhardt was also found to have a $250 warrant out of Princeton Borough Municipal Court.

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 35 calls for service last week.

Early Sunday morning, January 20, the Squad responded for two intoxicated people. One patient was disoriented and did not know how he had suffered an abrasion to his head. The second patient was combative and belligerent with medical staff. Both patients were transported to University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) for monitoring.

On Tuesday afternoon, January 22, the Squad responded for a woman who passed out while in the shower. The patient reported she regained consciousness, got dressed, then lay down in her small closet, prompting her roommate to summon EMS. The patient was nauseous and complaining of neck pain; after securing her to a spinal immobilization device, they transported her to UMCP.

Early Thursday morning, the Squad responded for an intoxicated person. According to reports, he had consumed eight or nine alcoholic beverages, vomited multiple times, and attempted to strike a Public Safety officer. The crew found the patient disoriented and mumbling incomplete sentences. He was transported to UMCP for treatment.

On Friday January 25, the Squad responded for a woman hit by a car in a parking lot and was suffering leg, back, and neck pain. The crew secured her to a spinal immobilization device before transporting her to UMCP.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a nonprofit, emergency services organization. For more information on membership and donation opportunities, visit www.pfars.org or call 924-3338.

Firewire

The all-volunteer Princeton Fire Department responded to a variety of calls in the past two weeks, including calls for faulty or malfunctioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at homes and businesses on Faculty Road, Hun Road, Prospect Avenue, Stony Brook Lane and Washington Road.

On Wednesday, January 16, crews were sent to University Place for a report of smoke in the basement. They found steam from a malfunctioning boiler had set off the smoke detector.

On Tuesday, January 22, volunteers were dispatched to investigate an alarm at the University Medical Center at Princeton. They found the cooking hood exhaust fan in the kitchen had shut down and steam from the stove had set off the heat detector.

Crews were sent to a home on Sycamore Road Wednesday, January 23, to help a homeowner whose house was flooding from what appeared to be a broken water pipe. The house was undergoing renovations and the water line under the sink had broken, but by the time the crew arrived, it had stopped leaking.

The next day, Thursday, January 24, volunteers responded to a Cleveland Lane residence after a smoke detector went off. The homeowner had started a fire in the fireplace and left it unattended. The alarm went off in another part of the house for an unknown reason, but it had stopped by the time crews arrived. They checked the house but could find nothing amiss.

Also on Thursday, crews were sent to Princeton High School after a heat detector in a classroom went off. When they checked the room, they discovered it had been set off by heat from the heating and air conditioning system that was directed at the heat detector.

On Saturday, January 25, volunteers were sent to investigate a report that a fence outside a building on Witherspoon Street was on fire. Crews found a fence post smoldering and put it out with a water can, which is a water-filled fire extinguisher. There was an odor of smoke inside the building, so they checked it with a thermal imaging camera.

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Senior Housing

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requirements, as reflected by the state's Council on Affordable Housing. However, because the COAH's latest round of affordable housing regulations is still under review, Princeton Township, along with other New Jersey municipalities, has yet to devise a new growth share ordinance. Any builder on the Bunn site would have to comply with any new requirements, as well as providing the 12 basic on-site affordable units.

According to new zoning provisions, 24 of the units built are required to be marketed to middle income households. The ordinance also stipulates a builder's compliance with the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards.

Attorneys for the advocacy groups, Campaign to Save Princeton Ridge and the Stony-Brook Millstone Watershed Association, argued that the zoning amendments violate existing mandates by the state's Council on Affordable Housing, in part, because the ordinance was "negotiated without foundation, prior to the adoption of a municipal affordable housing ordinance" that complies with the newest COAH rules.

Princeton Ridge advocates argued that COAH's 20 percent affordable mandate would not be immediately satisfied, saying that the envisioned 158 units there would amount to roughly 30 affordable units, rather than the 12 that are required. Township code, however, mandates that any developer would donate at least three acres of land for additional housing and improvements and expansion to an existing detention basin.

The group also objected to the above provision, concerning in this case the donation of the three acres across the street from the primary Bunn site to Princeton Township for future purposes. The agreement also calls for a cash contribution to the Princeton Township Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The group worried that there would be little opportunity to develop the land, pointing to the possible presence of hard-to-develop wetlands.

It is widely speculated that the developer of the land will be architect J. Robert Hillier, who presented a concept to Committee in August 2007 to build an "Italian Village" on the Bunn Site. Mr. Hillier, a shareholder of Town Topics Inc., is the contract purchaser of the site, currently owned by the Short Hills-based Chatham Capital Investors, LLC.

Attorneys for the Ridge group, through a memorandum of law, objected to the age standard of the zoning, saying the ordinance "discriminates against a particular age group."

But housing advocates claim that with the Township's now-complete open space preservation campaign, the Bunn Drive site is one of the last to build market-rate age-restricted housing for in-town seniors looking to downsize. Another major element of the ordinance is a so-called Princeton preference, with priority marketing toward current Borough and Township residents; parents and children of current residents of the Borough and Township; individuals who were Princeton residents within the past five years; current, active emergency squad volunteers of the Princeton Fire Department and the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad; and current employees of the Borough and Township, Princeton Public Library, Princeton Regional Board of Education, or employees of any of the joint municipal agencies.

As was the case at recent meetings leading up to Monday night's adoption, dozens of residents attended in order to speak out against the ordinance. Township resident Jane Buttars pointed to a petition organized by the Campaign to Save Princeton Ridge, where over 2,000 signatures —including 1,479 Princeton resident signatures — were collected. "This is an unmistakable example of spot zoning," she said.

Heidi Fichtenbaum, also of the Township, called the proposed zoning "short-term gratification versus long-term planning."

Township resident Bill Flemer worried that "high density development on the Ridge would exacerbate" flooding downstream.

Former Township Deputy Mayor Bill Enslin, a longtime housing advocate, charged opponents of the ordinance of organizing a "lot of wonderful misstatements. Let's not have personal agenda trump the community good," he said, adding, "lawsuits delay community goals and raise the price of housing to seniors."

Township resident Harold Loew made a plea to Committee members: "Help us to stay in Princeton. We want to stay in the community that we helped to create and helped to maintain." Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand's voice quivered as she spoke in favor of the ordinance: "This is a very emotional time for me. We have an obligation to all sorts of people in town."

—Matthew Hersh

Library Program Looks at "Secrets of the Inca"

Douglas Rosentrater, professor of communications at Bucks County Community College, will lead an exploration of Incan culture on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at Princeton Public Library

The Incan Empire of Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador, from the South American rain forest to the Andean altiplano, rivaled ancient Rome in size, political influence, infrastructure, medicine and art. In this hour-long introduction to Inca and Andean cultures, Mr. Rosentrater will examine ancient accomplishments, Andean spirituality, and what can be learned from the societal and ecological stewardship of these indigenous societies.

A longtime Commonwealth Speaker for the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, Mr. Rosentrater participated in the five-week National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute tour of Peru and Bolivia in 2005.

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BOOK REVIEW

Chekhov's Samovar and Schubert's Foot: A Birthday Column

Yesterday, January 29, was Chekhov's birthday. Tomorrow is Schubert's. Never mind the formalities, full names, death dates, and such, Chekhov and Schubert are with us, like tea and coffee, sunrise and sunset, and they make a nice pair of bookends for a January 30 column. Since this is billed as a book review, however, and since I celebrated Schubert last year on his birthday, my focus will be on Chekhov.

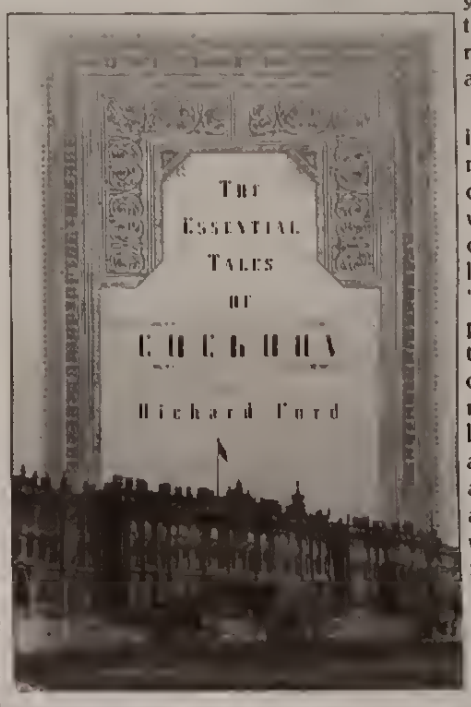
In his introduction to *The Essential Tales of Chekhov* (Ecco 1998), which is available at the Princeton Public Library, Richard Ford confesses that until he began his "long and happy passage" through all the stories on his way to deciding which ones to include, he'd read very little of Chekhov. His experience had been "abrupt and brief" and had come "too early." So did mine, in spite of the fact that my passion for Russian literature in college was such that I ended up with a minor in Slavic Studies. Ford puts it well when he says that Chekhov seems to him to be "a writer for adults, his work becoming useful and also beautiful by attracting attention to mature feeling."

Neither Chekhov nor Schubert "spoke to me" until I became a father in my late thirties. When you're young, you're more susceptible to the grandiose creations of the Beethovens and Dostoevskys. With Schubert it's not the *Unfinished Symphony* or the *Great C-Major Symphony* but some deceptively simple, hair-raisingly beautiful theme in the adagio movement of one of the late piano sonatas, or, most memorably for me, the chorus for female voices (*Standchen*) that was playing gently, almost inaudibly, in the background very late one night when I first "heard" Schubert.

Reading at Random

Not long ago, around the same hour, I picked up a volume of Chekhov from a row in uniform bindings lining a shelf in the living room. Sometimes it's more interesting to choose a story at random rather than following some prescribed or recommended course. If you believe 200-plus stories (not to mention the plays) represent a world, then this approach to Chekhov is a bit like arriving by train at some nameless town in the dead of night without a guidebook or an inventory.

On the occasion in question I found a slice of Russian life perfectly suited to the mood of the hour, "a little touch of Chekhov in the night." The story is called "Anya" and as I stand there reading by the light of a small lamp, the only light in the house, I suddenly find myself in a chilly little room on the other side of the world watching from the shadows as a medical student paces around studying for his exams while a thin, pale young woman of 25 with mild grey eyes is sitting on a stool "embroidering with red thread the collar of a man's shirt." The room's a study in disorder, crumpled bedclothes, pillows thrown about, dirty dishes, books everywhere, and the whole mess seems to revolve around a slop pail filled with soap suds in which cigarette butts are floating. Finding he needs a "living body" to help him study the relation of the rib cage to the lungs, the student uses Anya, counting her ribs and even drawing some lines on her chest with a crayon, so he can make comparisons and "sound" her, which he does while she's shivering in the cold, having removed her blouse: "H'm! ... One can't feel the first rib; it's behind the shoulder-blade. ... This must be the second rib. ... Yes ... this is the third ... this is the fourth. ... H'm! ... yes. ... Why are you wriggling?" To this the living body replies, "Your fingers are cold!"



Chekhov never gets in the way of the moment, and only a critic with a mission would want to encumber it with terms like "realism" or "naturalism." Several pointed references to the slop pail have you comprehending the room not as a sociological statement but as the student sees it after loaning Anya to an artist friend, who wants her to model for him. Because the artist made disparaging comments about the unkempt room, the student finds himself focusing on the clean, comfortable future he's sure will be his once he has a practice. He will move on to a better life, but not with Anya, who will be left behind with such things as the slop pail. When she returns, exhausted, having modeled for the artist and his paint brush much as she submitted herself to the student's crayon, she's told that she must leave; it's the student's first movement toward that better life. This isn't the first time Anya's been sent packing. At least four other young students and artists have used her and disposed of her. She's crying as she puts her few possessions together; she tries to hide her tears, and though you hurt for her, Chekhov hasn't played on your sympathies. He's simply shown you the moment, and when the student changes his mind and lets her stay, it isn't so much from compassion as need: besides being an exam crutch, it's up to her to see that he has tobacco and tea and sugar and that his shirts are in good repair. And you know who will empty the slop pail and tidy the place up well enough to discourage the master from dreaming of that clean, comfortable future. At the end of the story you hear someone in the hall outside shouting "Where's the samovar?" and your visit ends as randomly as it began, and if you're me, you walk into the kitchen to make yourself a cup of tea.

Anton Chekhov

Franz Schubert

Common Ground

So simple it seems, and so rare, Chekhov's art. His tact, integrity, and restraint, together with his abiding humanity, establish a special element you simply believe in, as you do when Schubert sets the scene of one of his 600-plus songs so that you don't need to understand German or even music to feel yourself in the presence of the composer, he at the piano, his friend Vogl singing, a cup of coffee near at hand. It's the common ground of ordinary life, the basics, the random essentials that accompany and nourish the making of literature and music. It's the sort of detail that lives on in Schubert's letters, which I just now opened at random and found this abrupt mid-sentence aside in a letter to his brother: "My foot has gone to sleep and that is very annoying. If the silly thing could write, it wouldn't fall asleep."

—Stuart Mitchner

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DISCUSSED BY AUTHOR AT D&R GREENWAY: Kimberly K. Smith, the author of "African American Environmental Thought: Foundations," the first single-authored treatment of this subject, will give a lecture based on her book on January 31 at D&R Greenway, One Preservation Place, in Princeton. There will be a reception at 6:30 p.m., with the presentation set for 7. The event will also be keyed to D&R Greenway's art exhibition, "Matter of Perspective: Our Personal Landscape."

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Covering a childhood of abuse at the hands of the author's mentally unstable mother to a meaningful career attending social events at the White House and interviewing Nelson Mandela, *No Momma's Boy* recounts Mr. Carter's highs and lows and how he survived to become a successful journalist.

A fixture at NY1 News since the channel launched in 1992, Dominic Carter hosts the nightly political show "Inside City Hall," during which he has handled some of that station's most challenging assignments and interviewed every major political player in the state. A regular on CNN and MSNBC, he received a bachelor's degree in journalism from SUNY Cortland and a master's from the Newhouse Graduate School at Syracuse University before starting his career in radio.

Sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English, the African American Read-In urges citizens nationwide to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month by hosting and coordinating read-ins in their communities.

This event is co-sponsored by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association in New Jersey.

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"Speaking of Faith" Host Appearing at University

Krista Tippett, the founder and host of American Public Media's *Speaking of Faith*, will read from her book of the same title at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, in McCosh Hall 50 on the Princeton University campus. Following the reading she will join Leigh Schmidt and Judith Weisenfeld, professors of religion, and Matt Hedstrom, Center for the Study of Religion, in a panel discussiom. Carolyn Rouse, professor of anthropology, will serve as moderator.

A journalist and former diplomat, Krista Tippett conceived the idea for *Speaking of Faith* while consulting for the ecumenical institute of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville. The aim of the program is to examine the religious impulses characterizing human life in a manner that avoids the often contentious debate between the religious and the secular. Ms. Tippett wants to nurture a dialogue between religion and science that treats these two ways of knowing with seriousness and shows how both enrich our understanding of what it means to be human. She has hosted and produced the program at American Public Media since it began as an occasional feature in 2000, before taking on its current form as a national weekly program in 2003.

Ms. Tippett is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and a former Fulbright Scholar. In divided Berlin in the 1980s she reported for The New York Times, Newsweek, the BBC, and other international news organizations, and later served as special assistant to the U.S. ambassador to the former West Germany.

This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Anthropology, the Center for the Study of Religion, and the Spencer Trask Fund of Princeton University Public Lectures. For more information see http://lectures.princeton.edu.

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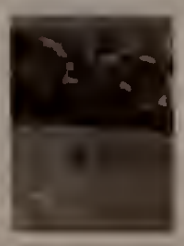

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Special Exhibit of Children's Art Coming to University Art Museum

The Princeton University Art Museum will feature "Mini Masters," a special exhibition of children's art inspired by works in the museum's collections and exhibitions, on February 9 and 10. The exhibition celebrates the creativity of children who participated in museum programs throughout the year. "Mini Masters" opens in conjunction with the museum's annual Friends Gala, "Carnevale! Masterpieces & Masquerade." The Gala is the sole fundraising event dedicated to supporting the museum's educational and outreach efforts.

Gala Co-Chair Liz Murray commented, "I cannot think of a better way to showcase the impact these programs have on the children we serve than to let the works speak for themselves."

"Mini Masters" includes a variety of works by students of all ages, from kindergarten participants in the museum's Art for Families program to upper-school art students from Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. Two additional programs will also be highlighted: a new collaborative program with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra that targets middle-school students and the museum's long-running commitment to third graders from the Trenton Public School District. The Trenton Program, over a decade old, offers approximately 100 third-grade students from several elementary schools the opportunity to explore the museum's extensive collection each year. This multi-visit program is run by museum docents in coordination with the students' art and classroom teachers. The third graders learn about cultures, civilizations, art history, and techniques, and complete related art projects. They also keep journals of their visits in which they use both written and artistic expressions to record their impressions.

ART FOR FAMILIES: Princeton University Art Museum docent Frances Lange, seated next to the Totem, talks to children during a Saturday morning "Art for Families" session titled "Northwest Coast Indians: A Raven's Tale, a Totem, and Mysterious Masks." Work in response to the talk, along with other children's art inspired by works in the museum's collections and exhibitions, will be on view in "Mini Masters," a special exhibition on February 9 and 10 held in conjunction with the museum's annual Friends Gala, "Carnevale! Masterpieces & Masquerade," the sole fund-raising event dedicated to supporting the museum's educational and outreach efforts.

"This program ignites a passion for learning," said Mary Fletcher, a teacher at Washington Elementary School. "I see excitement in my students' eyes and hear wonderful observations. They begin to see the world differently. They become more focused and learn how to analyze and look deeper at things. And their insightful questions challenge me to linger on the art like you would study a poem."

The artwork and journals of the third graders who participated in the program this past fall will be on view as part of the "Mini Masters" exhibition. The exhibit will also showcase art created during Art for Families, a Saturday morning program that engages young children with visual works of art in an effort to foster their creativity. Drawing over 1,000 children and their parents annually, Art for Families has been embraced by the local community, becoming a popular weekend outing.

"The children in the Art for Families program amaze me with their enthusiasm and self-expression as they interpret the weekly art projects that follow the docent-led museum talks," said Hope Vanleaf, art teacher for the program.

Every year, the museum's Docent Association leads 7,000 to 10,000 schoolchildren, ranging from pre-K through twelfth grade, on tours of the museum's collections. Offered at no cost to the school, each of these tours is specifically tailored to the curricula and needs of the individual classes and schools.

In the fall of 2007, a group of high school photography students from Stuart Country Day School toured the exhibition "Beloved Daughters: Photographs by Fazal Sheikh." Deborah Land-Mather, the art teacher at Stuart Country Day School, said the students were "deeply moved by the Beloved Daughters exhibits." When she asked the students to photograph their responses, "a period of discussion and reflection ensued, and these photographs emerged." The "Mini Masters" will include these reactions to Fazal Sheikh's images. The works on view at the museum February 9 and 10 will also be on display at Richardson Auditorium during the Princeton Symphony Orchestra concert on March 16. Those attending "Carnevale! Masterpieces & Masquerade" will be able to view the children's art during cocktails at the museum before the dinner dance at Prospect. The museum and the Gala committee invite the public to enjoy the works in "Mini Masters" during the museum's regular hours, Saturday, February 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, February 10, 1 to 5 p.m.

The museum is closed on Monday and major holidays. Free highlights tours of the collection are given every Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. The museum is located in the middle of the Princeton University campus, next to Prospect House and Gardens. For further information, please call (609) 258-3788, or visit www.princetonartmuseum.org.

"TAGGING": This work by Tim Pagan will be on view in "Young Vibes: Trenton Central High School at ARTWORKS," which will run from February 8 through March 1. Opening Reception: Friday, February 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. Curated by Teacher Leader Sharron Grady and Studio Art Teacher Thom Montanari of the Visual and Performing Arts faculty, this will be the first gallery show for young artists who have developed their technique and vision during the past three years within the Visual and Performing Arts Community. The gallery is located at 19 Everett Alley at South Stockton Street in Trenton.

MASKS: These masks were made by children following docent Frances Lange's talk during the Princeton University Art Museum's "Art for Families" program on Northwest Coast Indians. The masks and other works created by children will be featured in the "Mini Masters" exhibition February 9–10 at the museum.

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"EVE'S TEMPTATION": This work by Sheila Letven is part of "Temptation," a group show presented by Artists' Gallery in Lambertville from February 8 through March 2. A chocolate buffet will be provided for the opening reception, Saturday, February 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. Other artists include Beatrice Bork, Gail Bracegirdle, Jennifer Cadoff, Merle Citron, Richard Harrington, Charles Katzenback, Joe Kazimierczyk, Alan Klawans, Florence Moonan, Taylor Oughton, Alla Podolsky, Marc Reed, J. Stacy Rogers, Carol Sanzalone, Stacie Speer Scott, and John Treichler. The gallery is located at 32 Coryell Street in the heart of Lambertville. The doors are open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

" QUIETUDE ON THE BRANDYWINE": Sandy Askey-Adams's pastel has won one of the juried PaintAmerica "Top 100" competition awards for a landscape painting. Ms. Askey-Adams is represented by Howard Gallery of Fine Art at 77 W. Bridge Street in New Hope, Pa. The winning paintings go on a national tour through PaintAmerica's Top 100 from February 2008 to February 2009.

Peter Cook Exhibition Opens Saturday at PDS

Princeton Day School is presenting a retrospective exhibit of oil paintings by Peter Cook in the Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery from February 2 through March 2. Mr. Cook was an art teacher at PDS, and his subjects included Henry Ross and Douglas McClure, former heads of school whose portraits hang today in the Colross administration building on campus. His portraits of prominent Princeton residents now hang in many homes around Princeton and in a number of galleries and homes across the United States. The public is invited to an opening reception from 5 – 7 p.m. Saturday February 2 at the gallery. Visitors also are welcome to view the exhibit between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is open and by appointment on weekends.

Mr. Cook earned a degree in architecture from Princeton University (where he also coached ice hockey) and later studied art at the National Academy of Design and the Art Students League. Mr. Cook's interest in painting was sparked when he visited his future wife Joan Folinsbee and met her father, New Hope artist John Folinsbee, with whom he often worked side by side. In the early 1950s, Mr. Cook moved his family to Florence for a year and studied at the Accademia delle Arti. Returning to the Princeton area, he found inspiration in skaters on Carnegie Lake and local frozen ponds, a crowd entering Palmer Stadium, a graduation ceremony at Princeton or a day at the beach on the coast of Maine. His son, Peter B. Cook, describes his father as "above all, an honest painter. He painted what he saw, and what he saw in each figure or scene he painted was something that not only existed but had character and meaning."

The re-opened gallery is part of the new PDS arts wing including studios dedicated to photography, ceramics, architecture and dance, as well as woodworking, set-building and performing arts spaces.

NAT POE: This oil on canvas portrait by Peter Cook will be on display in the Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery. The public is invited to an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, February 2, at the gallery. Visitors also are welcome to view the exhibit between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is open and by appointment on weekends. For an appointment, call (609) 924-6700 or visit www.pds.org.

Art and Cabaret

An art exhibit at RMJM Hillier headquarters, 500 Alexander Park, West Windsor, will kick off the 2008 West Windsor Arts Council's Cabin Fever Cabaret fund-raiser on February 4. Twenty-five area artists, working in media from photography to ceramics, assemblage, bronze and beyond, will have artwork for sale. The exhibit will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and admission is free. On February 23, there will be music and food coordinated with the West Windsor Farmers' Market, along with wine and live entertainment. Grammy-nominated composer Beth Ertz will play cabaret music, sung by Carol Selick. There will be a comedic skit as well as a song composed just for the "Home is Where the Art Is" theme, and a presentation on the status of the historic Princeton Junction firehouse as arts center.

There will also be the chance to bid on artwork and other silent auction items, as well as purchase the exhibited artwork, to help raise money for the arts council's new home in the firehouse. The February 23 event takes place from 6:30 to 10 p.m., in the atrium at RMJM Hillier. Tickets to the cabaret cost $50, $75, and $150. The two highest price categories will include a one-year membership in the Arts Council's Circle of Friends. For further information or any questions, call (609) 919-1982 or visit www.westwindsorarts.org.

Antiques Show Will Benefit Womanspace

The Lawrenceville/Princeton Antiques Show, which will take place at the National Guard Armory February 2 and 3, will once again benefit Womanspace, Inc. For the past two decades, the show has presented quality dealers offering an eclectic array of art and antiques in a historic ceremonial room setting. The offerings include formal and country furniture, paintings, textiles, porcelain, silver, jewelry and all the accessories one would need for serious collecting or decorating your home.

Among this year's dealers are Brian Gage Antiques of Hopewell; quilt expert Dana Balsomo of Material Pleasures, Princeton; Sheila Ferguson of Philadelphia, who specializes in Staffordshire, and Roger D. Winter, Ltd. from Bucks County, Pa. Also returning for another year will be Marilyn Saland Antiques of Scarsdale, N.Y.

The Lawrenceville/Princeton Antiques Show has worked with Womanspace, Inc. each year helping to raise proceeds for their organization. The non-profit Mercer Country organization has been assisting women and children in crisis since 1977. Visit Womanspace.org for more information.

For more information about the show visit MancusoShows.com. Admission is $7 ($6 with postcard or advertisement.) Children under 16 are free. Refreshments will be available. Free parking is provided at the National Guard Armory. Hours both days are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The armory is at 151 Eggert Crossing Rd. in Lawrenceville, just off Rte. 206.

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Area Exhibits

Artists' Gallery in Lambertville is presenting a members exhibit titled "Temptation" from February 8 through March 2. A chocolate buffet will be provided for the opening reception, Saturday, February 9 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Artsbridge will be presenting its Members Show at the Prallsville Mill in Stockton. The exhibit opens with a reception on February 2 from 7 to 10 p.m. The show will continue the following Sunday. It will then run from Thursday through Sunday, February 7 to 10 and Thursday through Saturday, February 14 to 16. Hours are from 12 to 5 p.m.

The Arts Council of Princeton will present the 2008 Faculty Exhibition at its conTEMPORARY Gallery in the Princeton Shopping Center through March 1. "Starry Winter Night VII: A Story Hour for Grownups" will take place on Friday, February 1, at 8 p.m. For further information, visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Artworks at 19 Everett Alley at South Stockton Street in Trenton will be hosting "Young Vibes: Trenton Central High School from February 8 through March 1. Opening Reception: Friday February 8, from 6 to 9 p.m.

D&R Greenway at One Preservation Place in Princeton will host "A Matter of Perspective -- Our Personal Landscape," which will run through March 21, Mondays through Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a free Environmental Justice Lecture, "The City and the Valley: An Unfinished Fable," with Professor Kimberly Smith, on January 31. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m.; the presentation at 7. p.m. Presentation reservations are requested at (609) 924-4646.

The Erdman Gallery, located inside the Erdman Center at 20 Library Place in Princeton, is hosting an exhibit featuring mixed media works by Hetal Mistry that will be on display through Friday, February 22.

Firestone Library is presenting an exhibition of rare books, coins, medals and manuscripts, "Numismatics in the Renaissance," in the main gallery through July 20.

The Gallery at Chapin will be exhibiting work by photographer Lindsay Maiorana through February 1. From February 4 through March 7 there will be an exhibit of work by childrens' book illustrators. Ponder Goembel, Dar Hosta, Jennifer Hayden, Gennady Spirin, and Nancy E. Wallace will be on hand to sign books at the opening reception on Wednesday, February 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. The exhibit can be viewed during school hours.

Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street in Trenton, is presenting "Revolution," a group exhibit running through February 2.

Gallery 14 at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell is hosting "Body Works," a group exhibit of photographs by its members through February 3. The Small Gallery is presenting an exhibit of member David Miller's infrared photographs of Egypt, "Unseen Egypt."

Gratz Gallery at 30 West Bridge Street in New Hope will be presenting an exhibit of work by Bucks County painter Richard Lennox through February 17.

Grounds for Sculpture is presenting "Focus on Sculpture," a juried exhibition of photographs by amateur photographers sharing sculpture as subject matter, through April 27. There are also three exhibitions of contemporary sculpture on view through April 27. The group show, "Enclosures," featuring work from John Isherwood, Wendy Ross, John Ruppert and Foon Sham, in the Museum Building; "Herk Van Tongeren: Serie Metafisica and Teatro" and the International Sculpture Center's 2007 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards, in the Domestic Arts Building. For more information on Grounds For Sculpture's Special Events, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street, is presenting an exhibition of Princeton in the 1930s through July; hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m.; free admission, donations accepted; Sunday Walking Tour of Princeton, 1.9 mile guided tour, allow 2 hours, meet outside at 2 p.m., no res. $7, $4 for children 6-12; for information call (609) 921-6748; or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

Hopewell Frame Shop's Gallery is presenting the watercolors, acrylics, handcrafted pottery, and enamels of Rose Marie Strippoli through Saturday, February 23.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown will be presenting "Elsie Driggs: The Quick and the Classical" will run through April 12. "The Holy Experiment: Violet Oakley Mural Studies," featuring 13 original oil on canvas studies for murals in the Governor's Reception Room of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building in Harrisburg, will be on view through March 30, 2008 in the Pfundt Gallery. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

The Della Pinna Gallery at the New Hope Michener is presenting "Norman Rockwell in the 1940s: A View of the American Homefront" and "Charles Hargens: American Illustrator"through February 10.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "The Magyar imagination: Selections from the Salgo Trust Donation of Hungarian Art" through March 30. "Art Nouveau Illuminated: Lamps from the Sigmund Freedman Bequest" will be on view through April 20. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The Jewish Center of Princeton is hosting an exhibit of paintings by Gilda Aronovic through March 16. The Jewish Center Gallery is at 435 Nassau Street in Princeton.

The Lewis Ceoter for the Arts at 185 Nassau Street in Princeton is presenting a "Student Art Exhibition (All Media): Work from the Fall 2007 Program in Visual Arts Classes" from February 5 through 15. There will be an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m in the Lucas Gallery, with video screenings from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Exhibit hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.princeton.edu/arts.

Morven Museum & Garden is presenting Ben Again, a pop culture memorabilia exhibit celebrating Ben Franklin in Pop culture.

The NJ State Museum is presenting "Selected Works: Art by African-Americans in the Museum's Collection," in the galleries in the Department of State building at 225 West State Street in Trenton. The exhibit will be on view through March 20. "Fancy Rockingham Pottery: The Modeller and Ceramics in Nineteenth-Century America," will be in the Auditorium Galleries, 205 West State Street, Trenton, through May 3.

Pennswood Village, 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road in Newtown, Pa., will be showing work by Selma Bortner through March 2. Gallery hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Plainsboro Public Library is will be showing artwork by Jeffrey Lou, a professional Chinese ink brush painter and watercolorist, from February 1 through February 28; a reception with the artist will be held on February 16 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Princeton Day School is presenting a retrospective exhibit of oil paintings by former PDS art teacher Peter Cook in the Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery from February 2 through March 2. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday February 2 at the gallery. Visitors also are welcome to view the exhibit 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is open and by appointment on weekends. For an appointment, call (609) 924-6700 or visit www.pds.org.

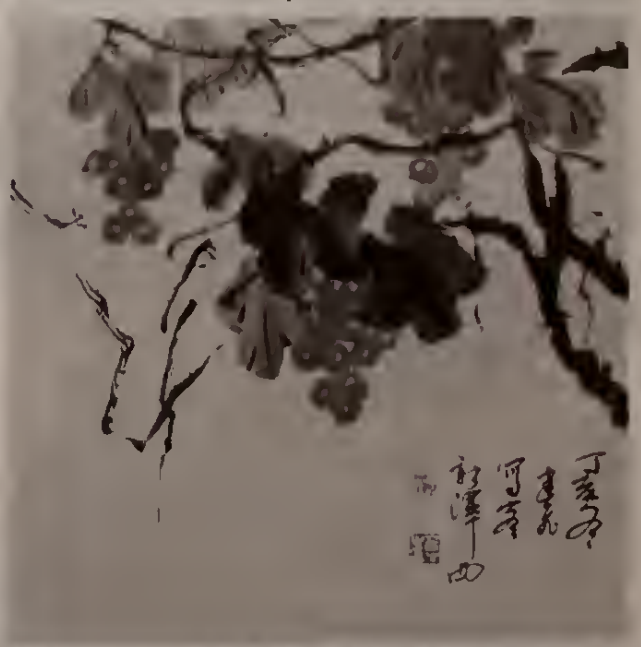
The Princeton University Art Museum will feature Mini Masters, a special exhibition of children's art inspired by works in the museum's collections and exhibitions. Opening on February 9 and continuing through June 8 is "Invoking the Comic Muse: Toulouse-Lautrec's Parody of The Sacred Grove," a focus exhibition centered on a painting by Lautrec that simultaneously pokes fun of and pays homage to the winner of the highest prize at the 1884 Salon, Puvis de Chavannes's *Socred Grove Deor to the Arts and Muses.*

Princetoo Windrows at 2000 Windrow Drive in Princeton is presenting an exhibit of landscapes and floral paintings by Princeton resident Nancy Teare from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 4. The event is free and open to the public. Reservations are required. To attend, RSVP to Deanna Bruh at (800) 708-7007 or at: info@princetonwindrows.com.

RMJM Hillier Headquarters, 500 Alexander Park, West Windsor, is hosting an exhibit of 25 area artists, working in media from photography to ceramics, assemblage, bronze and beyond; artwork is for sale, as the exhibit is coordinated with West Windsor Arts Council's Cabin Fever Cabaret fundraiser. The show opens February 4. For further information, call (609) 919-1982 or visit www.westwindsorarts.org.

Small World Coffee is showing photography by Patti Kelly at the Witherspoon Street location in Princeton through February 5. The exhibit, "Havana, Cuba," features a collection of more than 25 framed, color photographic prints, all of which are for sale.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park and The Trenton Museum Society are presenting "The World Dines Out: 100 Years at Trenton's Lamberton," exhibit displaying china produced at the city's Lamberton Works.



GRAPES: This work by Jeffrey Lou, a professional Chinese ink brush painter and watercolorist for over 30 years, can be seen from February 1 through February 28 at the Plainsboro Public Library in conjunction with the library's annual Chinese New Year Celebration. A reception with the artist will be held on February 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. Proceeds from this exhibition will be donated by the artist to the Capital Campaign of the Foundation for Plainsboro Public Library. Already under construction, the new library will boast a dedicated, well designed and appointed gallery which will offer Plainsboro residents exceptional access to high quality arts. The Gallery at Plainsboro Public Library is located in the Municipal Complex at 641 Plainsboro Road. For details and/or directions call (609) 275-2897or visit www.lmxac.org/Plainsboro.

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Mr. Albee, approaching his eightieth birthday (March 12) with four major New York area productions of his plays appearing this season, makes things difficult for the critic, whose job presumably is to explain what these plays are all about. But what makes Albee's plays, including his world premiere *Me, Myself & I*, currently at McCarter's Berlind Theatre, worth seeing and worth reviving as provocative masterpieces of the American theater, is precisely the fact that they defy labels, that they cannot be pigeonholed or explained.

The experience of watching *Me, Myself & I*, in a sterling production directed by McCarter artistic director Emily Mann and starring the wildly engaging Tyne Daly (Tony Award for Gypsy and four Emmy Awards for *Cagney & Lacey*) and the redoubtable Albee veteran Brian Murray (three Tony nominations for *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, *The Little Foxes* and *The Crucible*), is consistently entertaining, sometimes surprising, often at least mildly disturbing, and moving.

Albee aficionados seem to be more numerous than ever in these late stages of a career that has seen three Pulitzer Prizes and numerous Tony Awards, some rapid rises and precipitous descents over the past half century since *The Zoo Story* (1959) and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (1962), and these devotees will find familiar subject matter, style and tone, but they will also enjoy the maestro's explorations of new terrain.

Despite Mr. Albee's plea that you should see, hear and experience for yourself, rather than be told, what this play is about, here goes: *Me, Myself & I* is about two 28-year-old identical male twins, OTTO (Michael Esper) and otto (Colin Donnell), and their mother (Ms. Daly). Dr. (Mr. Murray), who moved in when the father left — "the glory was too much" upon seeing the twins' birth — and Maureen (Charlotte Parry), otto's girl friend, who undergoes one of the most harrowing meet-the-family scenes ever seen on stage, both provide valuable, at times eccentric, counterbalance and perspective to the intensity of the mother-sons-brothers' struggles.

The striking, unrealistic setting, designed by Thomas Lynch with lighting by Kenneth Posner consists of one large bed, in which Mother and Dr. are ensconced, in the first act, and two minimal beds right and left for OTTO and otto's bedrooms in act two, with vast empty space surrounding. The surrealistic locale accords neatly with the abstract, absurdist nature of the dialogue and action, as the characters play witty word games with clichés and repetitions, communicate in invented languages, and engage the audience directly in a celebration of their self-conscious theatricality.

MATERNAL INSTINCTS: "What did I do!? What did I do!?" Mother (Tyne Daly) reflects on her identical twin sons named OTTO and otto, as her longtime partner "Dr." (Brian Murray) looks on, in Edward Albee's new play "Me, Myself & I," at McCarter's Berlind Theatre through February 17.

(Photo by T. Charles Erickson)

Mr. Albee, with *The Zoo Story*, *The Sandbox* (1960) and *The American Dream* (1961), was a leader of the Theatre of the Absurd movement in America, and, in *Me, Myself & I*, Albee fans will find echoes, in language as well as content, of these plays, as well as the more recent *The Play About the Baby* (1998). Questions of identity, truth and illusion, shaping one's self in the context of one's family, a quest for love, and using language to shape or misshape reality are central to the experience.

Mr. Albee's distinguished forebears range all the way from Sophocles, whose Oedipus is as obsessed as the two Ottos in his search to know who he is, to Eugene Ionesco with his absurd language games sometimes verging on cruelty, and Samuel Beckett with his absurdist existentialists in *Waiting for Godot* and the indomitable Winnie, buried in her mound of earth in *Happy Days*.

Amidst the travails of Mother, who is still awaiting the return of her long-lost husband, as she struggles to love or even identify her two sons and bickers with the much-abused Dr., *Me, Myself & I* turns its focus on OTTO's decision early in the first act to deny the existence of his brother and move to China.

This decision poses for Mother, otto and the audience a number of questions — about identical twins, about identity in general, and about the nature of existence. "Is this a metaphor, this brother thing?" asks Dr. Do the twins represent two halves of a single individual, unable to exist independently? Are they Cain and Abel, destined to battle until one is destroyed?

But as Mother boldly asserts, "We have enough ambiguity around here," and perhaps the best way to experience this world of Albee is to enjoy the ride without fussing too scrupulously over the philosophical profundities.

In fact, this production, deftly directed by Ms. Mann, in close collaboration with the author, who attended many rehearsals of this new play while co-teaching a course, "Albee on Albee," at Princeton University this semester, swings the balance strongly towards the comedic at the expense of the existential drama of the twin brothers. Though the title would indicate that the central plot here belongs to the Ottos, and OTTO takes the focus in addressing the audience in two long second act soliloquies, it is Ms. Daly's Mother and Mr. Murray's Dr. who steal the show. They are simply more dynamic, more theatrical, and more interesting than their younger generation counterparts. Mr. Esper's OTTO, Mr. Donnell's otto and Ms. Parry's Maureen are all adequate in their characterizations, but they pale alongside Ms. Daly and Mr. Murray's charisma, dramatic power, and skill with Mr. Albee's rich language.

It's not Mr. Albee's philosophy of identity and existence nor the twins' anguished rivalry and struggle for survival that stick in the memory. What resonates most strongly here are Ms. Daly and Mr. Murray and their commanding, eccentric, energetic abundance of life.

As OTTO decides to become Chinese and move to China, Mother explains to otto, "your brother is going through some sort of ... Dislocation is the best word for it." And perhaps "dislocation" is the best word for the experience of audiences in watching this play. A two-hour visit to Mr. Albee's peculiar world may "dislocate" you in ways that provide a happy respite from the world of reality and new perspectives that permanently change the way you see your world and your identity. *Me, Myself & I* is an exciting addition to the Albee canon and a felicitous reminder of why, in the eightieth year of his life and his fiftieth year of playwriting, Edward Albee rightfully stakes his claim to a lofty perch in the pantheon of great American playwrights.

—Donald Gilpin

Edward Albee's "Me, Myself & I" will play through February 17 at McCarter's Berlind Theatre, 91 University Place in Princeton. Call (609) 258-2787 or visit mccarter.org for tickets and further information.

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Three-Week Festival, "Hub City Carnivale," Returning for Encore

New Brunswick's second annual Hub City Carnivale, a winter festival of performances, workshops, parties, games, and more, will begin its three-week run this Friday, February 1. The event is presented by New Brunswick's State Theatre and sponsored by PSE&G, American Repertory Ballet, The Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation, George Street Playhouse, and Rutgers Student Affairs.

"February is getting to be the most fun time of the year for us at the State Theatre," said State Theatre president Wes Brustad. "It's a great time to let your imagination loose and come play with us."

Starting the festivities on February 1 will be a 7:30 p.m. kick-off featuring live music and other entertainment. It will be followed at 8 p.m. by the "family-friendly" comedian Sinbad.

Hub City Carnivale highlights will include performances by Bill Cosby on February 24; a Mardi Gras Party featuring Buckwheat Zydeco on February 2; the Trinity Irish Dance Company on February 8; a one-week residency and two performances by the California dance group Diavolo on February 15 and 16; The State Symphony Orchestra of Mexico February 23; a semi-staged performance of Verdi's *Rigoletto* by Opera New Jersey February 10; and the return of the amateur talent show, *Showtime at the Apollo* on Tour, February 9.

President's Day, February 18, will be Family Day at the State Theatre, with a nonstop schedule of free and paid activities at the State Theatre, George Street Playhouse, and Crossroads Theatre from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Family Day is geared to children ages 4 to 10 and their families. The featured event will be the glow-in-the-dark performances of The *Very Hungry Coterpillor* and other Eric Carle favorites at the State Theatre at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Crossroads Theatre will host four free shows: at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., American Repertory Ballet's *Dance Alive: Ballet Rocks!*, a lively introduction to the world of dance; and, at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., singer/guitarist Big Jeff leading a family sing-a-long.

Adding to the festival atmosphere this year will be a new venue, the Hub City Big Top, set up on Livingston Avenue in front of the State Theatre. Under the Big Top families can enjoy food, free face painting and balloon animals, and live characters from popular children's shows.

In conjunction with the Buckwheat Zydeco performance, the State Theatre will present a Mardi Gras Party on February 2. It will begin at 5 p.m. with a pre-concert party at the Crossroads Theatre with unlimited food and drink and continue with live music by The Roadside Graves, free beads and masks, and a live auction.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the State Theatre's Kids Meet the Arts Program.

For tickets or more information, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469 or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org. The State Theatre is located at 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" Coming to MCCC Campus

The glamour and excitement of the Roaring Twenties will be on display when the Tony-Award winning musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie* checks in to Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre. Dates and show times for the frothy tale of a small-town girl in the big city will be Fridays and Saturdays, February 29, March 1, 7, and 8 at 8 p.m., and Sundays, March 2 and 9 at 2 p.m.

An opening night reception will be held February 29 to give audience members an opportunity to meet the cast and crew.

Set in 1922, the era of flappers and sunny possibilities, Thoroughly Modern *Millie* follows the job seeker Millie Dillmount who has just arrived in Manhattan from Kansas. Sporting a new hairdo and fashions befitting a thoroughly modern girl, she sets out to get a job and then a wealthy husband — possibly her handsome boss, Trevor Grayson. Millie's plans become complicated, however, when she meets Jimmy Smith, a charming but poor paperclip salesman. There's also something strange going on at her residence, the Priscilla Hotel for Women, where orphaned girls have a habit of disappearing.

Starring in Thoroughly Modern *Millie* are Lynn Shelton of Tinton Falls as Millie Dillmount, Elizabeth Rzasa of Lawrenceville as Miss Dorothy Brown, Matt South of Levittown, Pa., as Jimmy Smith, and Frank Ferrara of Florence as Trevor Graydon.

Tickets are $16 for adults, $12 for seniors, and $10 for students and children. They may be purchased online at www.kelseytheatre.net or by calling the Kelsey box office at (609) 570-3333.

EVERYTHING'S UP TO DATE IN MANHATTAN: Two thoroughly modern girls — Elizabeth Rzasa of Lawrenceville, left, as Miss Dorothy, and Lynn Shelton of Tinton Falls, right, as Millie — will star in the Tony Award winning musical comedy "Thoroughly Modern Millie," due to arrive February 29 at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre. Presented by Playful Theatre Productions, the show will run for two weekends, through March 9. For tickets, call (609) 570-3333 or visit www.kelseytheatre.net.

"Sleeping Beauty" to Open Children's Series at OBT

Hopewell's Off-Broadstreet Theatre will continue its 20-year tradition of entertaining young audiences when it begins its winter-spring Children's Series this weekend with the fairy tale classic Sleeping Beauty. Performances will be Friday, February 1 at 10 a.m. and Saturday, February 2 at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Children's Series shows are tailored for young theatregoers age 2 1/2 to 7. They are performed by Off-Broadstreet Theatre Artistic Director Bob Thick and other adult actors from the company's main stage productions. Audiences participate with cheers and boos, help with cued sound effects, and keep the story alive.

Sleeping Beauty opens with a birthday party for the young and beautiful Beauty. All the princesses and fairies wish her well with promises of hope, great virtues, and love. But a disgruntled wicked fairy casts a spell on Beauty, drawing the young maiden into a deep sleep unless someone can find a dashing prince to break the evil curse.

Other shows in the series include The *Pied Piper* on Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15; *Little Red Riding Hood* on Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19; and *Hansel & Gretel* on Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7.

Tickets are $4 with group rates available for parties of 10 or more. For reservations, call the Off-Broadstreet box office at (609) 466-2766.

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March 10: NO END IN SIGHT / Charles Ferguson's documentary expose of the Bush administration's bungling of the Iraq war / Cold facts govern this definitive anatomy of a disaster that transcends history and threatens to haunt us for years to come / *USA, 2007*

March 17: ZODIAC* (7 pm) / David Fincher's docudrama about the hunt for the serial killer who terrorized the San Francisco Bay Area in 1968 / A latter day *All the President's Men* / With Mark Ruffalo, Anthony Edwards, Robert Downey Jr. and Jake Gyllenhaal / *USA, 2007*

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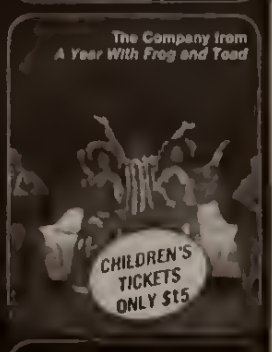

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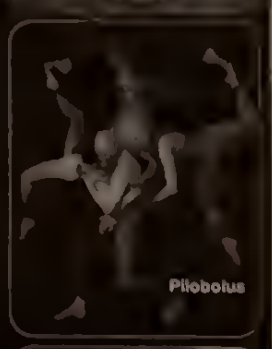
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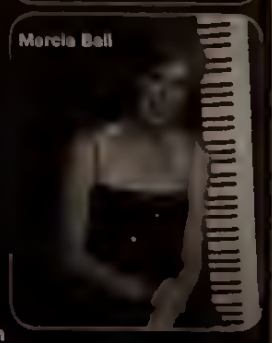
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Dinner Theater to Open With "Smokey Joe's Cafe"

The longest-running musical revue in the history of Broadway, *Smokey Joe's Café*, will open the new Bucks County Playhouse Dinner Theater at The Bucks County Country Club in Jamison, Pa. this weekend. The show will begin its three-week engagement this Friday, February 1 and run through Sunday, February 17.

The songs "Hound Dog," "Stand By Me," "Love Potion No. 9," "On Broadway," and "Jailhouse Rock," all by the songwriting team of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, are among those that provided the soundtrack for a generation of Americans. These and many others are featured in the Tony Award and Grammy Award winning musical. The Coasters, The Drifters, Peggy Lee, and Elvis all enjoyed great success with Leiber and Stoller tunes.

Smokey Joe's Café was a Grammy Award winner for Best Musical, and was nominated for seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Director, and Best Choreography. The musical celebrates the world of first kisses and last dances, hot summer nights and cool midnight struts, blue-light diners and red hot rock 'n' roll.

The show's direction and choreography are by Playhouse Artistic Director Steven Casey. The cast of singers and dancers includes Louis Palena, Lindsey Buffa, Keva Moolenaar-Brown, Jill Palena, Ann-Marie Wightman, Joshua Triplett, and Dominic Santos.

Performances are Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at noon and 6 p.m., and Sundays at 5 p.m. through February 17.

Following *Smokey Joe's Café*, the dinner theater will offer *Love, Sex and the IRS* February 22 to March 9, and *My Way, A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra* March 14 through March 30.

Tickets for dinner and the show are $44 and $55, and may be reserved by calling the Playhouse box office at (215) 862-2041.

The Bucks County Country Club is located at 2600 York Road (Route 263) in Jamison, Pa.

IT'S THE THEATER THAT'S DEBUTING: When the new Bucks County Playhouse Dinner Theater opens this Friday in Jamison, Pa., it will do so with a winner — "Smokey Joe's Café," the longest-running musical revue in Broadway history. Starring in the revue will be, clockwise from left, Dominic Santos, James Junior, Lindsey Buffa, Joshua Triplett, Jill Palena, Ann-Marie Wightman, and, at the piano, Louis Palena. Tickets for dinner and the show are $44 and $55, and may be reserved by calling the Playhouse box office at (215) 862-2041.

Season Opener February 11 For Second Chance Cinema

Second Chance Cinema, the Princeton Adult School's annual winter-spring movie course, will open its 13th season on Monday, February 11 at Princeton University's Kresge Auditorium. The complete series of 13 films "you should have seen but didn't" will continue on subsequent Mondays through May 5.

The series will include seven area premieres and conclude with a "guilty pleasure" screening on May 12.

All 13 programs will be introduced by the series curator, William Lockwood Jr., Special Programming Director for McCarter Theatre. Titles from Great Britain, Ireland, France, Denmark, and the U.S. will be included.

The Second Chance series is designed to showcase films that never reach Princeton area movie theatres or those whose regular commercial engagements were so brief that most audiences missed them altogether.

The 2008 Second Chance season will open February 11 with the Princeton Premiere of Ken Loach's *The Wind That Shakes the Barley*. In his 21st feature, the 70-year old English director focuses on the birth of the Irish Republic which emerged from the 1920-22 rebellion against the British.

Director Charles Burnett made *Killer of Sheep* as his thesis film for UCLA in 1977, but it was only recently restored and hailed as a masterpiece 30 years later. Shot in the Watts section of Los Angeles in 16mm for only $10,000, it has no dialogue. Instead, it is a series of moments and blackout sketches capturing the details of mid-1970s African-American life.

The subject of Sara Polley's *Away From Her*, based on an Alice Munro short story, is Alzheimer's disease. At its center is a performance by Julie Christie as a woman who has already been beset by the early symptoms of the disease, and knows it. Her performance has already won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress of the Year, and is a contender for this year's Best Actress Oscar.

Rescue Dawn marked the return of the eccentric master director Werner Herzog, and is a remake of his earlier documentary about a German-born U.S. pilot who is shot down in Laos and tortured in a jungle prison, but who manages to escape and is eventually rescued. Christian Bale plays Dieter Dengler, with Jeremy Davies and Steve Zahn as the fellow POWs who escape into the jungle with him.

No End in Sight is Charles Ferguson's praised documentary expose of the Bush administration's bungling of the Iraq war. Mr. Ferguson funded his own history of governmental irresponsibility through a collection of interviews, news footage, and narrative history.

Zodiac is director David Fincher's docudrama about the hunt for the serial killer who terrorized the San Francisco Bay Area starting in 1968. The story swings between the Police Department where two cops, Anthony Edwards and Mark Ruffalo, keep coming up with false leads, and the San Francisco Chronicle, where the paper's ace crime reporter and cartoonist (Robert Downey Jr. and Jake Gyllenhaal) devote their lives to the pursuit of the killer to the point of obsession.

Suzanne Bier's *After The Wedding* centers on an expatriate living in India who returns to Denmark to accept a donation for his business from a wealthy industrialist, where he becomes entangled with an old lover and discovers a life-altering family secret.

Letters From Iwo Jima was the second of director Clint Eastwood's double-header tale of the epic battle for the infamous Pacific island. In this one, the story of the battle is told from the Japanese point of view, with Japanese dialogue and English subtitles.

The Second Chance series will also include two films featuring music at their center. *Once* is the indie-rock musical that wound up as last summer's "sleeper" release. Shot on the streets of Dublin for $150,000 by writer/director John Carney, it is a combination of movie romance and movie musical about two musicians who fall in love: Glen Hansard, the lead singer of the rock group The Frames, and Marketa Irglova, a Czech musician and novice actress. Also receiving its Princeton premiere will be another independent film about music and musicians, Anton Corbijn's *Control*, based on the life of Ian Curtis, lead singer of the Manchester band Joy Division, who committed suicide in 1980 at the age of 23.

The season will conclude with Todd Fields' *Little Children*, a blend of gothic melodrama and sexual comedy dealing with such subjects as suburban adultery, child molesters, and internet porn. The cast is headed by two 2007 Oscar nominees, Kate Winslet as a misfit mother and Jackie Earl Haley as a neighborhood pedophile.

Course enrollment for the series and a brochure with the complete schedule and program notes can be obtained by calling the Princeton Adult School at (609) 683-1101. Information is also available online at Princetonadultschool.org. Depending on final course enrollment, a limited number of single admissions to individual screenings may be available at the door, but seating cannot be guaranteed.

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McCarter's Jeff Woodward To Head Syracuse Stage

Syracuse University has announced the appointment of Jeffrey Woodward as Managing Director of Syracuse Stage, effective March 24. The announcement was made by Timothy Bond, Producing Artistic Director of Syracuse Stage and the Syracuse University Department of Drama, and Elizabeth Hartnett, Chair of Syracuse Stage's Board of Trustees.

Mr. Woodward, 49, is currently Managing Director of McCarter Theatre, where he oversees as many as 350 performances annually for an audience of 200,000. As a co-partner with Artistic Director Emily Mann he has directed all McCarter operations since 1991, responsible for marketing, fund-raising, finance, board relations, Princeton University relations, personnel, and the physical plant.

He will be Syracuse Stage's third Managing Director in its 35-year history. In that capacity, he will report to Mr. Bond and oversee the day-to-day business and operations of Syracuse Stage, including fund-raising, finance, marketing, board relations and personnel.

The appointment was the result of an international search conducted by a committee of Syracuse Stage and University professionals.

"Jeffrey brings to Syracuse Stage the exceptional skill and talent he honed while working at one of the nation's preeminent regional theatres," said Mr. Bond. "I am thrilled he has accepted our offer, and I am eager to begin a partnership in the exciting work of building the future for Syracuse Stage and the Syracuse University Department of Drama."

Mr. Woodward "will be missed here," said Ms. Mann, adding "I know that Syracuse Stage will be the happy beneficiary of his transformative leadership."

During Mr. Woodward's tenure at McCarter, the theatre's operating budget more than doubled, the cash reserve and endowment grew from $300,000 to more than $12 million, and ticket and contributed income reached record levels. He also oversaw the campaign to build a $14 million addition to McCarter, the Roger S. Berlind Theatre, completed in 2003.

Mr. Woodward has worked for the Hartford Stage Company, Mark Taper Forum, Northlight Theatre, and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and is a trustee of the Princeton Summer Theatre. He is a past president and trustee of ArtPride New Jersey, a statewide lobbying organization for the arts; a trustee and secretary of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national service organization of non-profit theatres; and the secretary for the League of Resident Theatres, a national collective bargaining and management association.

Syracuse Stage enjoys a symbiotic relationship with the Syracuse University Department of Drama, one of 18 such programs in the country. Only four of the programs focus on professional actor training for undergraduate students, and of these, Syracuse University's Department of Drama is the largest.

Touring Family Musical At McCarter in February

McCarter Theatre will present the touring production of Robert and Willie Reale's Tony Award-nominated musical *A Year With Frog and Toad*, based on the popular children's book series, for three performances on Saturday and Sunday, February 9 and 10.

Featuring Arnold Lobel's beloved characters, the musical follows two great friends, the cheerful and popular Frog and the grumpy Toad, through four seasons. Waking from hibernation in the spring, they proceed to plant gardens, swim, rake leaves, and go siedding, learning important life lessons along the way about friendship and human differences.

The musical was developed by the scenic designer Adrianne Lobel, the author's daughter, with music by Robert Reale and book and lyrics by Willie Reale. It originated in 2002 at the Children's Theatre Company of Minneapolis, where the Star Tribune called it a "spiffy, snazzy, clever little musical." A successful New York run at the New Victory Theater followed. After the show opened in April 2003 at Broadway's Cort Theater, it earned three Tony Award nominations, for Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical, and Best Original Score.

The Reale brothers — composer Robert Reale and playwright/lyricist Willie Reale — have collaborated on many projects. Robert Reale is an award-winning composer whose music can be heard on television each week on 20/20 and Inside Edition. Willie Reale, a scriptwriter for ABC, PBS, HBO, and the NBC drama *Homicide: Life on the Streets*, founded the 52nd Street Project in New York City, an organization that brings inner-city children together with professional theater artists. He has produced hundreds of plays during his 18 years with the Project and dozens at regional theaters.

Performances of *A Year With Frog and Toad* will be Saturday, February 9 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 10 at 3 p.m. Adult tickets are $25, $28, and $33; children's tickets, $15. To order, call the McCarter Theatre ticket office at (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.

HOPPING INTO McCARTER: Jon Satrom, left, as Frog, and Will Cohen as Toad in the touring production of the Tony Award-nominated musical "A Year With Frog and Toad," will appear at McCarter Theatre for three performances of the show on February 9 and 10. For tickets, call the McCarter Box Office at (609) 258-2787 or order online at www.mccarter.org.

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Soprano, Pianist, Guitarist In Choir College Concert

"Contrasts in Sound" will be the theme of a Westminster Choir College concert this Saturday, February 2 at 8 p.m., featuring pianist James Goldsworthy, a Westminster faculty member, joined by guest artists Judith Bettina, a soprano, and guitarist James Day. The concert will take place in The Playhouse on the Choir College campus.

The program will feature contrasts of sound and style in works by composers ranging from Domenico Scarlatti to Toru Takemitsu. It will also include compositions by Paul Bowles, Hanns Eisler, Maurice Ravel, and Kurt Weill, in addition to those for voice and guitar by Diego Luzuriaga.

Since first meeting on the faculty of Stanford University, Ms. Bettina and Mr. Goldsworthy have been collaborating on music written for them by Milton Babbitt, Mel Powell, Tobias Picker, David Rakowski, and Christopher Berg, among others. Ms. Bettina, who has been a soloist with the Houston Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, American Composers Orchestra, and Munich Philharmonic, was a guest artist this season with James Levine and The MET Chamber Ensemble.

Mr. Goldsworthy is on the piano faculty at Westminster Choir College and the Chamber Music Conference and Composers' Forum of the East. He is the director of the New Works for Young Pianists Commissioning Project and has performed throughout Europe, Israel, Japan, Canada, and the U.S.

Mr. Day is director of guitar studies at The College of New Jersey and an artist faculty member at Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College. He is active as a performer, scholar, and teacher in Europe and the U.S.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for seniors and students. To order, call the box office at (609) 921-2663 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mercer County Will Host Young Musicians Benefit

Young Artists International, a non-profit organization of prize-winning musicians, will be spotlighted in a benefit for the group on Friday, February 8 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course Clubhouse. The event will be hosted by the Mercer County Sports and Entertainment Commission.

Proceeds will benefit YAI and its acclaimed iPalpiti orchestra, a group of 30 prize-winning artists from around the globe under the direction of Maestro Eduard Schmieder.

"I encourage everyone to take an opportunity to witness the incredible talents of these young performers," said Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes. "I'm truly awed by their breadth of talent."

Young Artists International is dedicated to the artistic promotion and career advancement of gifted young professional classical musicians.

The featured artist at the February 8 performance will be the Norwegian violinist Catharina Chen. A member of iPalpiti since 2004, Ms. Chen will be a featured soloist with iPalpiti at the 11th annual Laureates Festival Gala concert this July at Disney Hall in Los Angeles. She was a Grand Prize winner in the International Gnessin Violin competition in Moscow in 2004, and the second-prize winner at the Jeunesse Musicale International Violin competition in Bucharest, Romania in 2007.

The internationally renowned musician and violin pedagogue Eduard Schmieder will also make an appearance at the Mercer Oaks Clubhouse. Mr. Schmieder is currently a professor at Temple University's Esther Boyer College of Music and Dance in Philadelphia and music director and conductor of iPalpiti, which has performed in Carnegie Hall, Concertgebouw Amsterdam, and Nikkei Hall, Tokyo.

The Mercer Oaks Clubhouse is located at 725 Village Road West in West Windsor. Tickets are $45, and include wine, food, and entertainment. They may be purchased by calling (609) 587-2849.

ROMANTICISTS: The celebrated cello-violin duo of David Finckel and Wu Han will perform at McCarter Theatre this coming Monday, February 4 at 8 p.m. Their program, "A Taste of Cultures," will offer three signature sonatas from the Romantic era by Strauss, Grieg, and Franck. The performances of Mr. Finckel and Ms. Han have taken them to some of the most prestigious venues and concert series across the country. Named artistic directors of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center in 2004, they are also the founders and artistic directors of Music@Menlo, a chamber music festival in California's Silicon Valley that has earned international acclaim since its inception in 2003. For many years, the two have taught alongside the late Isaac Stern at Carnegie Hall and the Jerusalem Music Center. They have also appeared annually in the Aspen Music Festival's Distinguished Artist Master Class series. They live in New York with their 13-year-old daughter, Lilian. Tickets range from $35 to $44, with $7 student standing room tickets. To order, call (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.

Princeton String Academy Plans February 9 Concert

Students of the Princeton String Academy will present a concert of classical and modern violin and viola music on Saturday, February 9 at 2 p.m. at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road (Route 571), Princeton Junction. The concert is free and open to the public.

The program will include European classical, Greek dance, and American popular music. Works will include the Concerto in D minor for two Violins by J. S. Bach, Canon in D major by J. Pachelbel, and the *Sporades Suite* by Stephen Horn. Also on the program will be "My Girl," arranged for four violas by Princeton composer Ira Mowitz.

A reception will follow the concert.

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The Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra will present its annual Winter Concert this Sunday, February 3 at 3 p.m. in the Princeton High School Performing Arts Center. All high school division GPYO students will perform with the Symphonic Orchestra and Concert Orchestra, under the direction of GPYO Music Director Fernando Raucci.

The program will include selections from Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*, Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*, Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, and Grieg's *Norwegian Dances*. The newly formed Wind Symphony, under the direction of Adam Warshalsky, will present selections from *William Byrd Suite* and *Scottish Dances*, as well as *Entry of the Bojores* and a rendition of the traditional Shenandoah theme.

The concert offers the "perfect warm-up" to the 6 p.m. Super Bowl telecast, said Margaret P. Borah, the Youth Orchestra's executive director. "We particularly encourage families with children to attend," she said, "because unlike football, music is a lifetime sport. And through the GPYO we are teaching young people not only how to perform music but also how to appreciate it for the rest of their lives."

Many of the GPYO's young musicians are finalists in New Jersey's regional and all-state instrumental competitions.

Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra has experienced a true renaissance during the past seven years under the directorship of Maestro Raucci, a native Italian. The Princeton-Pettoranello Sister City Foundation sponsored Prof. Raucci coming to this country ten years ago as a guest conductor and for his postgraduate studies. Currently a professor of Italian opera at Rutgers University, Prof. Raucci specializes in performance of the Italian repertoire while maintaining an active international schedule.

As one of the oldest youth orchestras in the USA, the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra is celebrating its 46th anniversary year in 2008. In addition to its high school orchestras, the organization offers Preparatory Division Wind and String Ensembles for middle schoolers. All GPYO students perform yearly in the spring concert at Richardson Auditorium.

Tickets are $10 for adults or $5 for seniors, students, teachers and children, and will be sold at the door prior to the concert. Group rates and special patron tickets are also available.

For more information, email gpyo@patmedia.net or call (609) 683-0150.

Girlchoir Benefit a Feast For Fans of A Cappella

The Princeton Girlchoir's annual benefit, "Absolutely a cappella," on Saturday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m., will bring two top national award-winning college vocal groups to the Performing Arts Center at Princeton High School.

Off the Beat, the nation's number one collegiate a cappella group, from the University of Pennsylvania, and Deep Treble, Rutgers University's first secular coed a cappella group and the reigning mid-Atlantic a cappella collegiate champions, will be joined by choristers from PGC's Cantores choir, under the direction of Bryce Hayes, and Concert Choir, under the direction of Jan Westrick. Both choirs will perform songs from their current repertoire.

Now in its 20th year, Off the Beat is one of the earliest pioneers of the vocal band sound at the collegiate level. Specializing in a rhythmically complex sound that is both edgy and explosive, Off the Beat is among the nation's top-selling professional a cappella groups with 17 studio albums to its credit. Last year the group was awarded best album in the nation, best song, and best arrangement. Its latest release, *Kenophobio*, also received nominations for best album, best song, and best arrangement.

Deep Treble, now in its tenth year, has competed at the International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella in 2001, 2003, 2004, and 2007. En route to competing at Lincoln Center last spring, the ensemble received awards for outstanding vocal percussion (Jessica Totaro), outstanding soloist (Yaa Acheampong), and outstanding choreography. Their latest album, *Hooked*, was released in 2006.

"We are thrilled to have two premier college groups come to Princeton," said Nancy Papier, benefit co-chair. "Many of our choristers continue singing in college and this concert will surely inspire our girls to look to the future."

Proceeds from the event will benefit the scholarship and educational efforts of the Princeton Girlchoir.

Tickets are $50 for patrons, $30 for adults, and $15 for students, and are available through the Princeton Girlchoir office at (609) 688-1888 or at the box office one hour prior to showtime.

For more information about Princeton Girlchoir, visit www.princetongirlchoir.org.

A CAPPELLA CHAMPS: The University of Pennsylvania's award-winning Off the Beat ensemble, pictured, will be joined by Rutgers' Deep Treble and two Princeton Girlchoir choirs for a February 9 benefit concert at Princeton High School's Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $50 and $30, or $15 for students, available through the Princeton Girlchoir office at (609) 688-1888.

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CINEMA REVIEW

Rambo 4

Stallone Is in His Sixties and Still Saving the Day

Sylvester Stallone may be in his sixties, but he hasn't lost the skills necessary to writing, directing or performing in action movies. He proved that a year ago with *Rocky VI*, which was essentially a remake of his Academy Award-winning Best Picture of 1976. And now he does it again in *Rombo 4*, a revival of the charismatic character he first introduced over a quarter century ago. John Rambo is a Vietnam War hero from Texas whose post-traumatic stress disorder was compounded by the fact that the veterans of his era weren't welcomed back to America with open arms.

As the latest installment opens, we find him living alone on the banks of the Salween River in northern Thailand. He has finally made peace with his tortured past and now divides his time between fishing on his longboat and catching poisonous snakes in the jungle. Even though there is a decades-old civil war raging just across the border in Burma, Rambo has no interest in venturing anywhere near the conflict.

Everything changes when missionaries from the Christ Church of Colorado arrive, announcing their plan to bring Bibles and much needed medical supplies to the victims of the ethnic cleansing taking place in Burma. Having heard that Rambo is the best river guide in the region, the naïve missionaries ask him to take them into Burma aboard his rickety longboat. After repeatedly telling them in no uncertain terms to "Go home!" and warning that "You're not going to change anything," he succumbs to the entreaties of Sarah Miller (Julie Benz) who wraps him around her little finger and gets him to ferry them into the war zone.

Unfortunately, a couple of weeks later a panicky Pastor Marks (Ken Howard) shows up saying that his parishioners have been taken hostage by the Burmese army and that the U.S. embassy has refused to get involved. Afraid that Sarah is in mortal danger, Rambo reluctantly picks up a gun again and leads a rag-tag team of mercenaries on a bloody rescue mission.

DON'T WORRY, I'LL GET US OUT OF HERE SOMEHOW: Rambo (Sylvester Stallone, right) reassures his girlfriend Sarah (Julie Benz) that he will figure out a way to safely escape the clutches of the Burmese soldiers who were holding her hostage.

At this juncture, the movie morphs into the familiar fare associated with the high body-count Rambo franchise, replete with hand-to-hand combat, automatic weapons, and visually captivating pyrotechnics. The film dehumanizes the Asian bad guys by portraying them as sadists and godless rapists who are lusting for Sarah.

Not to worry, geriatric Rambo still saves the day!

Very Good (★★★). Rated R for profanity, sexual assaults, grisly images, and graphic violence. Running time: 95 minutes. Studio: Warner Brothers.

—Kam Williams

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27 Dresses (PG-13 for profanity, sexuality, and innuendo). Katherine Heigl stars in this romantic comedy about the frustrations of a perennial bridesmaid who has to bite her tongue when the boss (Edward Burns), whom she has had a secret crush on, falls in love with her younger sister (Malin Akerman). Cast includes James Marsden, Judy Greer, and Brigitte Bourdeau.

Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG for mild crude humor). Combination live-action and computer generated version of the animated TV series from the sixties about a trio of mischievous chipmunks who drive their human guardian (Jason Lee) crazy while he tries to turn them into the latest singing sensation.

Atonement (R for profanity, sexuality, and disturbing war images). Romance drama, opening in England in 1935, about the budding relationship between a rich girl (Keira Knightley) and the son (James McAvoy) of her family's maid which is aborted when he is falsely accused of a crime by her jealous younger sister (Saoirse Ronan). Supporting cast includes Vanessa Redgrave, Brenda Blethyn, Romola Garai, and Anthony Minghella.

The Bucket List (PG-13 for profanity and a sexual reference). Oscar-winners Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman co-star in this bittersweet end-of-life saga as terminally-ill cancer patients who make a break from the hospital after compiling a checklist of everything they want to do before kicking the bucket. With Sean Hayes, Beverly Todd, and Rowena King.

Cossondro's Dreom (PG-13). for sexuality, violence, and mature themes). Woody Allen directs this crime saga, set in London, about two brothers (Ewan McGregor and Colin Farrell) with money woes who hatch a sinister scheme after becoming embroiled with a femme fatale (Hayley Atwell). English cast includes Tom Wilkinson, John Benfield, and Sally Hawkins.

Cloverfield (PG-13 for violence, terror, and disturbing images). Sci-fi action thriller chronicles the harrowing ordeal of five young New Yorkers who throw a friend a going-away party the same night a monster the size of a skyscraper descends upon the city. Ensemble includes Michael Stahl-David, Mike Vogel, Lizzy Caplan, Jessica Lucas, T.J. Miller, and Odette Yustman.

The Eye (PG-13 for violence, terror, and disturbing content). Jessica Alba stars in this remake of the 2002 horror film from Hong Kong about a blind violinist haunted by frightening visions after her sight is restored by a double corneal transplant operation. With Parker Posey, Francois Chau, and Chloe Moretz.

First Sundoy (PG-13 for profanity, sexual humor, and drug references). Ice Cube and Tracy Morgan co-star in this crime comedy about a couple of ghetto gangstas who end up with more than they bargained for when their attempt to rob a church goes awry. Cast includes Katt Williams, Regina Hall, Loretta Devine, Keith David, Chi McBride, Clifton Powell, and Nicholas Turturro.

Hannoh Montono & Miley Cyrus (G). 3-D concert film features performances by the popular 14-year-old Disney singing sensation, shot in Utah during last year's Best of Both Worlds Tour.

How She Move (PG-13 for profanity, sexuality, and drug use). Inspirational dance story about a promising high school student (Rutina Wesley) who has to return to her crime infested neighborhood when her parents can no longer afford the tuition at the prep school she'd been attending. Co-starring Tre Armstrong and Melanie Nicholls-King, with cameos by Keyshia Cole and DeRay Davis.

Juno (PG-13 for profanity, premarital sexuality, and mature themes). Coming-of-age dramatic comedy about a pregnant teen (Ellen Page) who divides her time between getting to know the father (Michael Cera) and bonding with the couple (Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman) about to adopt her unborn baby. Cast includes Allison Janney, J.K. Simmons, and Rainn Wilson.

The Kite Runner (PG-13 for violence, brief profanity, child rape, and mature themes). Adaptation of Khaled Hosseini's bestseller about the quest for redemption of a well-to-do Afghani-American immigrant (Khalid Abdalla) who returns to his native Afghanistan during the reign of the Taliban to find his childhood friend Hassan (Ahmad Khan Mahmidzada), whom he had betrayed and left behind 20 years earlier.

Mod Money (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity, and drug references). Diane Keaton, Queen Latifah, and Katie Holmes co-star in this remake of *Hot Money*, a British thriller based on a real-life crime caper, now overhauled as a crime comedy about three employees of the Federal Reserve Bank who conspire to steal millions of dollars in currency that is about to be destroyed.

Meet the Spartans (PG-13 for profanity, sexuality, crude humor, and slapstick violence). Silly spoof of *300* from the purveyors of parodies who brought us *Scory Movie*, *Date Movie*, and *Epic Movie*. Besides the Spartan saga, this irreverent comedy satirizes everything from *Tronsformers*, *Rocky Balboa*, *You Got Served*, Britney Spears, *Ghost Rider*, and Paris Hilton. Cast includes Carmen Electra, Method Man, and Diedrich Bader.

Michoel Cloyton (R for profanity). George Clooney handles the title role in this conspiratorial corporate potboiler about a discontented attorney assigned to handle some dirty work by a senior partner (Sydney Pollack) at a leading New York City law firm. With Tilda Swinton, Ken Howard, and Michael O'Keefe.

Notionol Treosure: Book of Secrets (PG for mild violence). Nicolas Cage reprises his role as treasure hunter Ben Gates for another globe-trotting, action-oriented adventure. This go-round, his quest is to clear the name of an ancestor implicated in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln by finding the 18 pages missing from the diary of John Wilkes Booth's diary. Talented cast includes Oscar-winners Cage, Helen Mirren, and Jon Voight, and nominees Harvey Keitel and Ed Harris.

No Country for Old Men (R for profanity and graphic violence). Coen Brothers adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's modern-day Western about a Vietnam vet (Josh Brolin) on the run after stumbling upon several corpses, a stash of heroin, and 2 million dollars left at the scene of a grisly gun battle near the Rio Grande. Cast includes Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem, Woody Harrelson, Kelly Macdonald, and Stephen Root.

Over Her Deod Body (PG-13 for sexuality and profanity). Supernatural romantic comedy about a bride (Eva Longoria) who dies on her wedding day only to come back as a ghost to sabotage the budding relationship between her devastated fiancé (Paul Rudd) and the psychic (Lake Bell) he consults at the suggestion of his sister (Lindsay Sloane). Supporting cast includes Stephen Root, Sam Pancake, and Jason Biggs.

Rombo (R for profanity, sexual assaults, grisly images, and graphic violence). After 20 years, Sylvester Stallone reprises the title role of Vietnam vet John Rambo, now returning to Southeast Asia to lead a team of mercenaries on a mission to save Christian mercenaries kidnapped by Burmese soldiers. With Julie Benz, Matthew Marsden, and Tim Kang.

The Savoges (R for sexuality and profanity). Dysfunctional family drama about the sibling rivalry which re-arises between a brother (Philip Seymour Hoffman) and sister (Laura Linney) when they both move back home to care for their senile father (Philip Bosco).

Stronge Wilderness (R for crude humor, sexuality, drug use, and non-stop profanity). Steve Zahn and Allen Covert co-star in this over-the-top comedy as the co-hosts of an animal wildlife TV series who try to prop up the show's sagging ratings by mounting an ill-advised expedition to Ecuador in search of the legendary Bigfoot.

There Will Be Blood (R for violence). Daniel Day-Lewis stars in this adaptation of *Oil!*, Upton Sinclair's classic, 1927 epic novel chronicling the life of a self-made, California oil tycoon. With Paul Dano, Kevin J. O'Connor, and Ciaran Hinds.

Untraceable (R for profanity, torture, and grisly violence). Diane Lane stars in this cat-and-mouse thriller as an FBI agent on the trail of a cyber serial killer who broadcasts his murders over the internet live on his own website. Cast includes Colin Hanks, Mary Beth Hurt, and Billy Burke.

—Kam Williams

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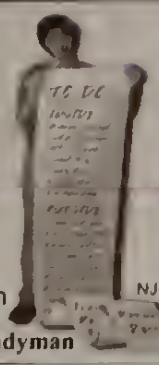

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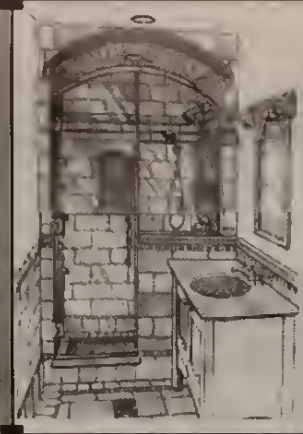

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Princeton Men's Hoops Takes a Giant Step; Ends Losing Skid as It Heads Into Ivy Play

The date was November 14, 2007 and the New York Giants were reeling from a 31-20 loss to the Dallas Cowboys days earlier while the Princeton University men's basketball team improved to 2-0 with a win over Iona.

Over the next 73 days, the Giants went on a historical run becoming the ultimate road warriors as they won three straight away playoff contests to qualify for a clash with the undefeated New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLII.

Meanwhile, Princeton made history of the wrong kind, losing 12 in a row to slip into the longest losing streak in program history.

Last Sunday as the Giants made their final preparations before heading to Arizona for their date with the Pats, the Tigers took a step which they hope will propel them on an Ivy League title run.

Facing Division II Dominican (N.Y.), Princeton built an 18-point halftime lead and then held off a Chargers rally to win 60-46 before a crowd of 2,039 at Jadwin Gym.

Princeton head coach Sydney Johnson made no effort to conceal his emotions in the wake of the victory which came in the Tigers' first action after an 18-day exam break.

"I can't wipe the smile off my face," said the first-year head coach whose club will bring a 3-12 record into its Ivy League opener on February 1 against visiting Dartmouth.

"I'm very, very happy. Dominican did a very good job; they played hard and conceded nothing. So for us to be able to win, we'll take it and run with it."

Tiger sophomore guard Marcus Schroeder shared his coach's relief in finally getting back into the win column.

"We worked really hard to improve this season; it was definitely tough to go through that losing streak," said Schroeder, who had four assists and four steals in 28 minutes of play off the bench.

"I know we have a bunch of guys who are very resilient. It's good to get a little momentum before the Ivy League. I thought it was a good win."

The Tigers showed resilience against a pesky Dominican squad. After building a 52-27 lead, Princeton went cold as the Chargers went on an 18-6 lead to narrow the Princeton lead to 13 with 1:59 remaining.

Johnson inserted four of his starters plus Schroeder to restore order and the Tigers responded by salting away the win.

With Princeton looking forward to getting into Ivy play with Harvard coming to Jadwin a day after the visit by Dartmouth, the Tigers can't spend much time savoring Sunday's triumph.

"It's hard to go through losing and keep your enthusiasm and keep your focus so today is a good day," said Johnson, who got 13 points from Lincoln Gunn with Zach Finley chipping in 12 points and eight rebounds.

"Now we have to move on and see what the next game has in store for us. As good as we are feeling right now, we don't want to be disappointed Friday night. Dartmouth came here last year and won. I haven't forgotten that. That's a very, very big game for this program; hopefully we can bring some momentum from today into that."

The way the Tigers got their work in between studying for exams helped build some positive momentum coming into the Dominican game.

"Every single day, we maxed out practice time and we had enough time off to take care of exams and papers," said Johnson.

"It just told me these guys do have some toughness. We have to go from some toughness to a lot of toughness to try to win games in our league. A team that's 2-12 could be beaten but they haven't quit. I like that; it just makes me happy. We know that we aren't giving up on ourselves."

Sophomore center Finley said the team used the break as a chance to make a fresh start.

"We've had a couple of weeks off," said Finley. "We had some time to regroup and get back to what we want to do. We got refocused."

Schroeder vows that the Tigers will now turn their focus squarely to Dartmouth and the Ivy battles ahead.

"We're looking to win our next game," asserted Schroeder. "We're going into Dartmouth 0-0 and we want to come out of there 1-0. We're looking forward to the league but most importantly we're looking forward to our next game and trying to win that game."

If the Tigers can win their games next weekend, they can relax next Sunday as they watch the Giants try to take care of their business.

—Bill Alden

CHARGING AHEAD: Princeton University men's basketball sophomore guard Marcus Schroeder looks for an opening in Princeton's 60-46 win over visiting Dominican (N.Y.) last Sunday. Schroeder contributed four assists and four steals in 28 minutes of play off the bench in the win over the Division II Chargers. (Photo by Stephen Goldsmith)

SLAMMING THE DOOR: Princeton University sophomore center Zach Finley throws down a slam dunk in Princeton's 6-46 victory over Dominican (N.Y.) last Sunday. Finley contributed 12 points and eight rebounds as the Tigers snapped a program-record 12-game losing streak. Princeton, now 3-12, will open Ivy League play this weekend as it hosts Dartmouth on February 1 and Harvard on February 2. (Photo by Stephen Goldsmith)

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Tiger Men's Swimming Drubs Dartmouth

Junior stars Doug Lennox and Will Schaffer led the way as the Princeton University men's swimming team won 149-94 at Dartmouth last Sunday.

The meet opened with a Princeton win in the 200 medley relay as the quartet of Colin Hanna, Schaffer, Lennox and Michael Carter placed first.

Lennox opened the individual sessions by winning the 400 individual medley with teammate Dan Eckel coming in second. Teammate Jon Hartmann gave Princeton an IM sweep by winning the 200 while teammate Bern Ebersole finished second.

Schaffer claimed the 100 fly, edging out teammate Carter. Freshman Brett Lullo won the 500 free with Colin Hanna taking second.

Chris Quemana finished the individual session with a win in the 100 breast. The team of Geoff Faux, Carter, Michael Baity, and Lennox finished the meet by winning the 200 free relay.

In upcoming action, the Tigers compete in the annual Harvard-Yale-Princeton meet on February 1 and 2 at Yale.

PU Women's Swimming Tops Dartmouth, UNH

Lisa Hamming finished first in two events and six other Princeton University women won once to lead the Tiger women's team to a pair of wins Sunday in its post-exams debut.

Princeton maintained its perfect Ivy League record with a 152-89 win at Dartmouth and added a 148-93 win over New Hampshire.

Alexandra Wiley got Princeton off to a good start by winning the 400 individual medley, topping teammate Lauren Benjamin. Freshman Ming Ong continued the winning ways by taking the 200 freestyle Justina DiFazio, one of Princeton's reigning Ivy League champions, edged out teammate Emily Trautner to win the 50 free.

Hamming began her double win by taking the 100 IM and then adding a win in the 100 free. Freshman Megan Waters claimed the 100 back while senior Brett Shiflett cruised to an easy win the 500 free.

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Princeton Celebrating Women in Sports Day

The Princeton University Department of Athletics is celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports Day on February 9 at Jadwin Gym.

The event, which is open to the public, features an interactive sports fair starting at 4:30 p.m. in the main level of Jadwin Gym where various Tiger student-athletes will host stations at which youths can learn basic skills for a wide range of sports.

The day will be capped off by the Princeton women's basketball game against Columbia at 6 p.m. Following the game, the women's basketball team will hold a "Meet the Tigers" autograph session. Admission to the sports fair and basketball game is $5 for adults and $3 for children under age 13.

Tiger Men's Track Excels at Invitational

The Princeton University men's track team produced some superb performances last Saturday at its annual Princeton Invitational meet held at Jadwin Gym.

Andrew Usoro won the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.99 while Dion Lehman won the long jump with a leap of 22'6.25 and Garner McCloud took the triple jump with a jump of 47'1.50.

Justin Frick and Ian Fox finished 1-2 in the high jump while Ben Sitler, Justin Pines, and Zack Predmore went 1-2-3 in the mile run. Mike Eddy won the 500 meters with the Tigers sweeping the top five places in the 1,000 run led by Michael Maag who was followed by Dave Nightingale, James O'Toole, Rob Grote, and Dennis Walsh.

The Tigers will take part in the Sykes-Sabock Challenge at Penn State on February 1 and 2.

PU Women's Track Has Big Weekend

Princeton University sophomore distance running star Liz Costelio was named the women's meet MVP at Albany's Great Dane Invitational after winning the 1,000 meters in impressive fashion last Friday.

The meet took place at the New Balance Armory Track & Field Center in New York City Friday night.

Costello's winning time for the five laps at the Armory was 2:49.98. Both she and second-place finisher Heather Iatauro (2:52.26) easily had ECAC qualifying times in the event.

Princeton also won the 800 meters on Friday when senior Liz Bergold finished the four laps in 2:15.90. Freshman Libby Bliss, a former Princeton High standout, was right behind in third place in that event.

The Tigers also had the top two finishers in the mile in Ashley Higginson and Megan Brandeland, the only two runners to complete the race under the five-minute mark on Friday.

Higginson (first leg) and Bliss (third leg) came back later in the meet to help Princeton win the distance medley relay. The Tiger foursome, which also included freshman Liz Deir anchoring and freshman Katherine Sirico on the second leg, won Friday's race by 16 seconds over second-place Penn.

A day later, the Tigers excelled at their annual Princeton Invitational at Jadwin Gym.

Costello won the 800-meter run while Bergold took first in the 500 dash. Other standouts for the Tigers included sophomore Alexa Glencer, the winner of the 1,000, and junior Agatha Offorjebe, who won the 200 meters.

In the field events, Thanithia Billings won the weight throw while Isabell von Loga prevailed in the shot put and Jessica Kloss won the pole vault.

The Tigers will take part in the Sykes-Sabock Challenge at Penn State on February 1 and 2.

PU Men's Volleyball Opening With California Trip

Coming off of a 12-10 season and its first appearance in the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) semifinals since 2003, the Princeton University men's volleyball team opens its 2008 season on January 30 at UC San Diego.

With five returning starters and talented newcomers ready to make an impact, Princeton was picked third in the 2008 EIVA preseason poll, behind nine-time defending champion Penn State and currently-unbeaten George Mason.

The Tigers will begin the season with their annual California trip, which will include matches at Cal-Baptist on January 31 and Hope international on February 1 following the opener at California-San Diego.

Princeton opens its EIVA campaign on February 8 at Juniata. The Tigers' home opener is slated to take place February 12 against NYU.

The veteran-laden Tigers return players at every position who either started or saw significant time during 2007. Senior captain Peter Eichler and Mike Vincent earned All-East honors last season, while setter Brandon Denham, outside hitter Phil Rosenberg and libero Ka'ohu Berg-Hee are all upperclassmen with at least one full year of starting experience.

Princeton's Fencers Go 9-0 in Dual Meets

The Princeton University's men's and women's fencing teams went a combined 9-0 in dual meets at the Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association event held at Drew University last Sunday. The competing teams were a mix of varsity and club squads.

Princeton's men accounted for six of the nine victories. The Tigers topped Lafayette 26-1, Rutgers 19-8, Haverford 23-4, Drew 18-9, Army 17-10, and Cornell 20-7. The women bested Rutgers 19-8, Drew 22-5, and Fairleigh Dickinson 17-1. FDU did not field any foilists, leading to 18 total bouts rather than 27.

On the men's side, the epee was Princeton's most dominant weapon. Tiger men's epeeists won 47 of 54 individual bouts, with sophomore Edward Hurme going 17-1 and his senior brother Tommi Hurme finishing 16-2. Senior Doug Hohensee was Princeton's most successful foilist at 10-2, and freshman John Stogin had the most wins among Princeton men's sabreists at 12-3.

Princeton's women won all eight weapons between the three bouts. Sophomore Chandler Clay had the most epee wins, going 7-2, while freshmen Karen Petsche and Mina Zargham each went 5-1 in epee. Senior Cara DiGirolamo and freshman Caroline Merz each went 8-1 in sabre competition.

The duals were Princeton's last tune-up before the first of two Ivy League competitions. Between February 3 at Yale and February 10 in the Stan Sieja Fencing Room at Princeton's Jadwin Gym, the Tigers will face all their Ivy foes and the league champion will be decided.

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GEARING UP: Princeton University women's basketball senior co-captain Ali Prichard races up the court in recent action. Prichard and the Tigers will look to be in high gear as they return from their recent exam break to play at Dartmouth on February 1 and at Harvard on February 2. Princeton comes into the weekend at 4-13 overall and 1-0 Ivy League play, standing second in the league behind Yale (4-11 overall, 2-0 Ivy).

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With Dowers Coming Up Big in the Paint, PHS Boys' Hoops Nears State Playoff Spot

He towers above the opposition at 6'8 but A.J. Dowers wasn't taking advantage of his size last year for the Princeton High boys' basketball team.

"I think I played scared in the past," said Dowers. "I was just scared of getting hit, scared of getting injured. I think my teammates and God have given me the strength to go out on the court without fear."

Dowers showed no fear last Friday as he scored 13 points to help PHS rally from a 13-point halftime deficit to beat Robbinsville 52-43 and improve to 7-6 on the season.

The junior center punctuated the comeback as he produced his first career dunk late in the fourth quarter, prompting PHS head coach Jason Carter and assistant Shahid Abdul Karim to bump fists in celebration.

"Skye [Ettin] got me the ball and I went up and I thought 'wow, I'm really high up there,'" recalled Dowers. "I just threw it down. It was nice; I was going nuts."

Robbinsville, which came into the game with a 4-11 record, was driving PHS nuts for most of the first half as they sizzled from the perimeter and built their lead to 16 at one point.

"I think we thought we were going to come out and just take it to Robbinsville," said Dowers. "Obviously they came out to play."

With Coach Carter lighting a fire in his troops at halftime, the Little Tigers played hard from the start in the third quarter as they reeled off a 10-2 run to get back into the game.

"In the second half we decided we were going to take it," said Dowers. "We just needed to come out with some intensity on defense. I think as the game went on, we started to ride the crowd a little bit and they gave us a little bit of adrenaline."

Coach Carter's halftime message centered on getting his players to come out in the third quarter with a more aggressive mindset.

"We made a couple of coaching adjustments," said Carter, whose club is one game over the .500 mark needed to clinch its first state playoff bid since 2001 with the cutoff set for February 2.

"We went to a zone; they were hurting us in the first half by penetrating and kicking out. We were also settling for jump shots in the first half. In the second half we were penetrating and getting to the basket. Some of the guys really stepped up big in the second half."

Carter likes the way Dowers has been stepping up. "He's gradually improved, that's what I can say for a player who wants to be good or even great that he improves every game," asserted Carter.

"It's nice for a coach to have a 6'8 guy who wants to get better every time he steps on the court."

The Little Tigers collectively impressed Carter with the resilience they displayed in their rally against Robbinsville.

"I think this team has great character," said Carter, whose club hosts Ewing on February 1 before playing at Florence on February 4 and WW/P-S on February 5.

"We showed it today. In the second half, they played with some intensity and heart. Most of all, they played together. The biggest thing is that they never stopped believing. Playoff teams have to believe they can win every time they step on a court. I think we are starting to do that."

Dowers, for his part, sees a growing self belief in the Little Tigers. "I think we have a lot more confidence in ourselves," said Dowers.

"We have a little more confidence in our teammates and in each other in general."

And with Dowers showing no fear on the court, he is becoming a source of confidence for his teammates.

—Bill Alden

JAM SESSION: Princeton High boys' basketball junior center A. J. Dowers slams one home in a recent practice session. Last Friday, Dowers registered his first career dunk on the way to a 13-point performance as PHS rallied to beat Robbinsville 52-43. (Photo by Stephen Goldsmith)

SHOOTING STAR: Princeton High junior guard DeQuan Holman lofts a jumper in a game earlier this season. Holman is PHS' leading scorer with an average of 14.7 points per game. PHS, which improved to 7-6 last Friday with a 52-43 win over Robbinsville, hosts Ewing on February 1 before playing at Florence on February 4 and WW/P-S on February 5. If the Little Tigers are at .500 on February 2, they will qualify for the state tournament for the first time since 2001. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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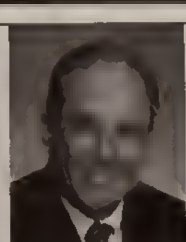

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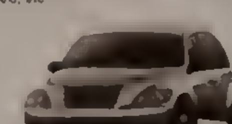

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Freshman Deardorff Going the Distance As PHS Boys' Swimming Speeds Up

Peter Deardorff didn't have high hopes before the Princeton High boys' swimming team took on powerful WW/P-S last Thursday.

"I wasn't expecting to win anything today," said the freshman star, reflecting on his mindset coming into the meet.

Deardorff, though, far exceeded his expectations as he won the 200 freestyle by more than five seconds over WW/P-S' Mike Prewett and then cruised to an easy win in the 500 free as he was 22 seconds faster than runner-up Alex Lee of WW/P-S.

Deardorff's heroics weren't enough to carry PHS to victory as once-beaten WW/P-S won the meet 101-69.

Other victors for PHS included Alex Zantal, the winner of the 200 individual medley and the 100 free, and Ismail Bouzalene-Ayari, the top finisher in the 100 butterfly.

In assessing the team's overall performance, Deardorff was happy with how the Little Tigers competed.

"We didn't win but we tried as hard as we could," said Deardorff, who posted a 2:00.95 time in the 200 free and had a 5:16.42 clocking in his 500 free win.

The win in the 200 free was a bonus for Deardorff who has found his greatest success in the 500.

"I've always done the 500; it's always been my favorite," added Deardorff. "I'm not really sure why I like it so much; for some reason, I don't get tired."

PHS head coach Greg Hand certainly appreciates Deardorff's endurance.

"Peter has done a terrific job for us," said Hand, whose team moved to 6-5 with the loss to WW/P-S.

"We ask him to swim the 200 and 500 a lot and that's draining. He's far and away our best middle distance swimmer. He always gives us his best; he seems to have great endurance. Often in the middle of the 500, he will take off fast for 50 to 75 yards in an attempt to distance himself from the other swimmers."

Sophomore star Zantal has come a long way as he has developed into a powerful competitor for the Little Tigers.

"He's gotten a lot bigger," said Hand. "He's getting himself stronger by lifting weights in and out of the season. He can swim with the best sprinters in the CVC. He may not be the fastest but he has a great attitude about testing himself against the others. He will allow himself to swim his best time while going against the other guys."

Bouzalene-Ayari is another PHS swimmer who is starting to swim his best times.

"Ismail is starting to get fit," added Hand. "He's been working hard the last few weeks and it's starting to pay off. He did his fastest fly of the season against South; things are starting to click for him."

In Hand's view, the team's overall effort in the WW/P-S meet showed that the squad is starting to click collectively.

"It was our fastest meet of the year," said Hand. "We had a similar challenge against Lawrenceville last week and we didn't swim as aggressively as we did against South. I think we took something from the Lawrenceville meet; we came away from the South meet feeling really good about the way we competed."

PHS will be looking to compete hard this week when its takes part in the Mercer County Swimming Championship meet at Lawrence High.

"We're not in the mix for the top three," said Hand. "We want to make an impact on the meet and prepare for what's coming next week."

Deardorff, for his part, thinks the Little Tigers can make an impact on the meet.

"I don't think we are expecting to win or anything," said Deardorff. "We're going to try as hard as we can and hopefully something good will happen."

—Bill Alden

CALL HIM ISMAIL: Princeton High boys' swimming sophomore Ismail Bouzalene-Ayari displays his butterfly form. Last Thursday, Bouzalene-Ayari won the 100 butterfly for PHS as it fell 101-69 at WW/P-S. The Little Tigers will compete in the Mercer County Swimming Championships this week at Lawrence High. The county finals are slated to take place on February 2.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

With Junior Sprint Star Shapiro Battling Hard, PHS Girls' Swim Team Primed for Tournaments

Jordan Shapiro realized she was fighting a battle on several fronts as the Princeton High girls' swimming team competed at WW/P-S last Thursday.

"We knew what we were coming up against," said Shapiro, referring to the once-beaten Pirates. "We knew their record and their times. It's a definitely a big meet to get excited about and see what we can do."

On an individual basis, Shapiro readied herself to compete against WW/P-S star Paola Simon, her teammate on the Hamilton Aquatics club team.

"We train together six times a week and then we come to high school and 'it's oh, you are my enemy,'" said Shapiro. "We don't really talk about the high school meeting."

Shapiro prevailed in her individual battles, winning the 50 and 100 freestyle races, edging Simon in both swims.

PHS, though, lost the war, falling 101-69 to the Pirates to drop to 8-3 on the season.

While disappointed about the team result, junior star Shapiro relished her head-to-head clashes with Simon.

"It was really close," said Shapiro, who was 0.98 faster than Simon in both the 50 and 100 races.

"She and I are able to put aside that we are a team in the morning; we know that we are on different high school teams. Being able to work for Princeton High and show them that I can win is a good feeling."

Shapiro, who transferred to PHS last season from Hamilton High, is feeling good about her second season with the Little Tigers.

"It's different; I know the girls better," added Shapiro. "I know how they swim and what they bring to the team."

Along with other veteran stars like Kathleen Morrison and Elizabeth Cava, Shapiro brings an example of competitive fire for the younger members of the team.

"They look up to us; they see what we do at the club and how we come to the high school meets and leave it all in the pool," said Shapiro. "We put everything aside and just swim all out."

PHS head coach Greg Hand likes everything Shapiro brings to the table for PHS.

"Jordan is looking very strong in the freestyle races," said Hand. "Being an older newcomer last year wasn't like being a freshman. People didn't raise you within the team culture. We all feel that Jordan is a normal part of the team."

Senior star Morrison has solidified her status as a vital part of the Little Tiger team.

"Kathleen is looking real fit, real strong," asserted Hand. "She swam a 2:00 against South; it was a reasonably big meet but it wasn't a state meet. Then she comes back and works with Elizabeth [Cava] in the 500 and they get us some power points, Kathleen just knocks these races out; she's always in it for us."

In Hand's view, sophomore standout Victoria Cassidy is knocking on the door of some big things.

"She looks very fit this year," said Hand. "She's not right at her personal bests yet but there is no reason she should be. Like with Kathleen and Elizabeth, we are getting consistent, high quality swims from Victoria."

The PHS supporting cast is also producing some big swims. "Kiersten Holswade and Rachel Boyce are doing well; we are also getting good swims from Katherine Rizk," added Hand, whose girls' squad has advanced to the Public B state final in three of the last four seasons.

"She went under 5:50 in consecutive 500 races. We are asking her to do the 200 individual medley and the 500 in a lot of meets; the kids that can do that are a rare group of kids. We are using Carly and Amanda Blick more and more in individual events; they have earned that with the hard work they have put in. Emily Dreibelbis has worked very hard on the butterfly; she buys into the idea that she can get really good at the butterfly."

With PHS competing in the county meet this weekend before heading into state competition, Hand is looking for more good work across the board.

"In a sense, it's our first and only opportunity to have the team in a big meet," said Hand, referring to the county meet which will be held at Lawrence High and culminate with the finals on February 2.

"There will be a ton of kids there. The objective is to compete and have a great meet. We want to be encouraged by the attitude and by what is coming a week later."

—Bill Alden

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Herr, Mantell Share Common Ground In Leading Lawrenceville Girls' Hockey

The two girls were born hours apart on June 11, 1990 and they grew up around the corner from each other in Princeton.

The neighbors, Sarah Herr and Becky Mantell, started playing youth hockey as grade schoolers with both of them competing on boys' teams to hone their skills.

While never playing on the same club team, the two joined forces in high school as they both became members of the Lawrenceville School girls' hockey team.

Now seniors, Herr and Mantell have another thing in common as they will both be playing college hockey in New England next year with Herr headed to Williams College and Mantell matriculating to Yale.

Despite all the striking similarities in their backgrounds, the two didn't really know each other until they got to Lawrenceville.

"I remember Becky at some hockey camps but I didn't really know her," said Herr.

"It's been fun getting to know her at Lawrenceville; we have gotten much closer."

Herr has gotten a lot out of her Lawrenceville experience, both on the ice and in the classroom.

"It's helped a lot, Nicole [Uliasz] is one of the best coaches I've had or ever will have," asserted Herr.

"It's different than club teams where players tend to come and go; the Lawrenceville team has stayed the same. I enjoy the group of girls. Off the ice, it's changed me tremendously, I've met a ton of people from different places. I've got friends from Connecticut, Maryland, California, and Canada."

Mantell, for her part, nearly didn't become one of Herr's friends as she considered going elsewhere.

"Tammy Shewchuck was the girls' hockey coach at Lawrenceville and I've done a ton of camps with her," said Mantell.

"She encouraged me to come to Lawrenceville. The day before I had to decide, she left the program. I was thinking of some other prep schools in New England but I decided to stick with Lawrenceville."

Mantell knows that she made the right decision. "Lawrenceville is a fantastic school," maintained Mantell.

"I have a lot of friends who attend prestigious schools and they were ready for that. The level and quality of work is high at Lawrenceville."

Lawrenceville coach Uliasz believes that Herr and Mantel have raised the team's competitive level.

"Sarah is the heart of our team; she is one of our hardest workers," said Uliasz.

"She is a smaller player and sometimes players with longer legs will beat her to the puck. But she will keep battling and get it in the corner. She has improved tremendously. Becky has natural talent; things come easy to her. She has Division I skills in terms of shooting and stickhandling."

GOOD NEIGHBOR: Lawrenceville School senior girls' hockey star Sarah Herr races up the ice in recent action. Princeton resident Herr and her neighbor, Becky Mantell, share the same birthday and a desire for excellence in leading the Big Red. They will both be playing college hockey in New England next year with Herr headed to Williams College and Mantell matriculating to Yale.

Uliasz sees both Herr and Mantell succeeding at the college level. "I think Williams is a great fit for Sarah," said Uliasz.

"She'll play a lot and she'll end up as one of the team's top players. Becky should fit right in at Yale. It will be a step up for her but that's always the case when someone goes to D-I hockey."

While Lawrenceville has struggled a bit this winter, Uliasz credits Herr, Mantell, and their classmates with holding things together.

"The seniors haven't let us down," said Uliasz, whose team improved to 3-11-1 with a 5-0 win over Suffolk last Saturday.

"They are encouraging and they keep working hard. Sarah was out with a concussion and Becky was out with a shoulder injury and they were both on the bench cheering on their teammates."

Mantell, for her part, sees plenty of positives despite the record.

"I'm really happy with the season," said Mantell, who also plays for the Connecticut Polar Bears club team.

"We are playing better teams than in the past and we've had a lot of close games. I'd rather play better teams and lose than beat bad teams."

The competitive Herr is optimistic that the Big Red can end things on a high note.

"I think the record is deceiving," said Herr, who also stars for the Princeton Tiger Lilies 19-and-under club team. "Just about all the games were close; a couple went into overtime. We need to keep working hard, our best hockey is ahead of us."

Mantell is looking ahead to some big things at Yale. "I looked a lot of the Ivies, Cornell, Harvard, Princeton, and Yale," said Mantell.

"I like the Yale coaching staff and the girls on the team. They are committed to hockey and academics."

Herr, for her part, believes that Williams offers her similar attributes.

"I want to continue to improve and work hard," said Herr, who also considered Colgate, Bowdoin, and Middlebury.

"I have a lot of potential and I want to reach that potential. I work really hard. I'm not the fastest skater or the best shooter but I get a lot of points from working hard."

It's safe to say that Lawrenceville is going to miss the good work it has gotten from its Princeton neighbors.

—Bill Alden

Senior Star Bowman Leading the Way As Hun Swimming Team Makes Waves

Connor Bowman had a sense things might be different this season for the Hun School swimming team.

With a new coach, Mark Kolman, taking the helm, Bowman saw a new attitude developing around the program.

"He's made it more serious," said Bowman, a senior team captain. "We're doing morning practices three times a week, that's a new thing for us. We're doing more dry land training. We're still having fun."

The Raiders have had more fun than Bowman imagined as they have gone 7-1 in dual meets.

"We're definitely better than I thought," said Bowman. "We have a good lineup; it's been really exciting. If we beat Valley Forge this week, we'll be 8-1, I don't know if we have ever won that many meets in a season."

Kolman has helped Bowman better handle his leadership role on the team.

"I'm the captain so he steers me in the direction he wants the team to go," said Bowman, who led the way in one of Hun's most dramatic wins of the season, taking the 200 freestyle, the 100 backstroke, and helping the 400 free relay team to victory as the Raiders edged St. Benedict's 84-83 earlier this month.

The new coach has also fine-tuned Bowman's swimming technique.

"He's given me pointers with my strokes," said Bowman, who specializes in the freestyle sprints and the backstroke.

"My backstroke is coming around. I have probably been even happier with my freestyle; I have made better progress with that."

Bowman is hoping the team will keep making progress as it heads into tournament season.

Next week, Hun will take part in the state Prep championship meet with the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) championships to follow.

While Bowman is looking to end his swimming career with a bang, he also has an eye on getting ready for his final season with the Hun crew team.

"I've been swimming so long and I like to do cross-training," said Bowman, who rows on the Hun varsity four. "I need to get on the ergometer and on it soon."

In fact, Bowman may be spending a lot of more time on the ergometer in his college career.

"I'm leaning toward doing crew in college," said Bowman, who is looking at 8-10 east coast schools. "I find it more exciting; there is more integration into a team. I might do swimming as well, it depends on which school I end up going to."

Down the road, Bowman may have ample opportunity to apply his swimming and rowing skills as he hopes to join the Navy SEALs after college.

"It goes back to when I was a little kid and I thought about the Army," said Bowman, reflecting on his interest in the military.

"When I got into swimming and learned about the SEALs that caught my interest."

With Bowman leading the way, the Hun swimming team has garnered a lot of interest this winter.

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Samse Takes Advantage of Scoring Chances As PDS Boys' Hockey Wins MCT Opener

Skye Samse is realistic about his role on the Princeton Day Schoof boys' hockey team.

"I know I'm not one of the first line players but I just want to contribute as much as I can," said the freshman forward. "Whenever I get my chances, I want to make them count."

Last Friday, Samse made the most of his chances, notching two goals as seventh-seeded PDS topped No. 10 Pennington 3-0 in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament (MCT).

Samse's scores both came on the power play as the Panthers fine-tuned their approach in extra-man situations.

"On our power pfay, we played an umbrella toward the end which put guys in front of the net," sald Samse.

"Our team took shots and I stood in front of the net and tried to get goals on the rebounds."

With the game knotted at 0-0 late in the second period, Samse knew the Panthers needed a lift.

"It was getting a littfe frustrating because we wanted to get out and take the early fead," recalled Samse, who broke the tie with less than three minutes left in the period to give PDS a 1-0 lead going into the final 15 minutes of the contest.

"We had a lot of scoring chances; I think we hit the post six times tonight. That was great to go into the break knowing that you had a lead. A one-goaf cushion is not much but it was good to break through."

Samse added his second goal with four minutes to go in the third period and John fnman added an empty-netter with 1:46 left to close out the scoring.

PDS head coach Scott Bertoli was relieved to see his team win on a night when it didn't play their sharpest against a Pennington squad the Panthers had beaten 5-2 in December.

"I didn't think we played very well," said Bertoli, who got two assists from sophomore defenseman Brooks Herr as the Panthers improved to 9-3-2 on the season.

"Pennington had a fot of chances; it was a good game. It was 1-0 with four or five minutes to go."

In Bertoli's view, the team may have a let down in the wake of their dramatic win over powerful Bergen Catholic on January 22 when PDS overcame a 2-0 third period deficit to pufl out a 3-2 wln.

"We came off a pretty big win Tuesday," said Bertoli, referring to the victory over Bergen Catholic, which was ranked third in the state coming into its clash with the Panthers. "I think we had a bit of a letdown from that game."

Bertoli credited Samse with not having a letdown when he got his scoring chances.

"He was in the right place at the right time," said Bertoli, whose team hosts Portledge on January 30 before facing Pennington again on February 4 in the state Prep semifinals.

"He stands in front of the net on power plays and he's going to score those kind of goals."

Bertoli liked the way goaltender Nick Jabs played as he kept Pennington from scoring.

"He played wefl," said Bertofi. "f don't know that he faced a lot of shots but he made a couple of big saves when he needed to."

It was a big night for PDS as it made its return to the MCT after opting to not play in the competition for the last several years.

"The kids wanted to play, a lot of the kids have friends on the various teams throughout the county," said Bertoli, noting that the annual PDS Invitational was moved to up to December from its usual spot in February. "We thought this was a nice way to get invofved; the kids were excited about it."

Samse is excited about the team's prospects as it looks forward to playing No. 2 Notre Dame in the MCT quarters on February 25.

"In the end tonight, we just kept fighting through adversity and pulled it off," asserted Samse.

"We are pfaying Notre Dame next. They are a great all-around team but I think we have a good chance."

And if Samse can keep taking advantage of his chances, PDS will be tough for anyone to beat.

—Bill Alden

BLUE SKYE: Princeton Day Schoof freshman forward Skye Samse, left, battles for the puck in recent action. Last Friday, Samse notched two goais as seventh-seeded PDS blanked No. 1D Pennington in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament. PDS, now 9-3-2, hosts Portledge on January 30 before facing Pennington again on February 4 in the state Prep semifinals. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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Mayes Showing Maturity, Skill In Goal, As PDS Girls' Hockey Improves to 7-7

After toiling hard for two periods against visiting Hill last Wednesday, Princeton Day School goaltender Bryanna Mayes needed a pick-me-up

The junior star headed to the vending machine at Lisa McGraw rink and got a Milky Way candy bar which she promptly wolfed down.

Buoyed by the chocolate, Mayes went out on the ice and showed plenty of energy but it wasn't enough as PDS fell 3-0.

Mayes, who came into the evening having posted two straight shutouts, recorded 23 saves in the loss to Hill, many of them on point-blank shots.

Showing her competitive nature, Mayes wasn't happy with her performance.

"I could have played better," said Mayes, who had posted two straight shutouts coming into the Hill game. "One of the goals was a breakaway and there was not much I could do but I could have had the other two."

Mayes was at a disadvantage against Hill with star defenseman Noni Ammidon not on hand which necessitated a shuffling in the PDS defensive set up.

"Without Noni, it's a big hit," said Mayes, who earned another shutout at PDS blanked Pingry 5-0 last Friday to improve to 7-7.

"Everyone tries hard, it's all you can ask for. Their hearts are in the game and that's what counts. The skill may not be there but the heart is."

While Mayes shows plenty of heart on the ice, she has learned that keeping her emotions in check has made her a more effective goalie.

"I've calmed down, I've learned to not take things super, super intense," asserted Mayes, who plays on the Colonial Women's Senior A team and the New Jersey Select U-19 team in addition to starring as a field hockey goalie for PDS.

"It's what I've worked on from last year, not getting so frustrated and down on myself."

PDS co-coach Gretchen Jaeckel has noticed a greater maturity in Mayes this season.

"She has a great attitude in terms of keeping her head up," said Jaeckel. "She is playing for a team that is not as experienced as what she is used to. She carries a lot of the weight. It could be easy for her to get frustrated but she doesn't get frustrated. She positively supports her teammates."

While PDS failed to cash in on some good scoring opportunities in the game with Hill, co-coach Kat Smithson has been seeing some positive things offensively from the trio of Georgia Travers, Katherine Levinton, and Savannah Hecker.

"Georgia gets some good quality shots; she's got some good stick handling going into the zone," said Smithson.

"Georgia is solid up front and she works well with Katherine Levinton. Now that we have Savannah up front; it creates a whole different dynamic. It's good chemistry between them; they seem to generate a lot of opportunities."

The Panthers do need to capitalize more on their opportunities. "I think being more aggressive in front of the net is key for us," added Smithson.

"We kind of wait for things to happen; we need to concentrate on being more proactive."

Smithson is confident that good things are ahead for the squad. "We have some challenges to overcome and some obstacles to avoid," said Smithson, whose club hosts Portledge on January 30 before playing at Holton Arms on February 2 and Shady Side Academy on February 3.

"I am impressed with how we have stepped up to play, especially in the last four or five games. We are stringing together four or five passes; at the beginning of the year we got two. It's coming together. I think the girls are bonding and that's enabling them to connect."

Mayes, for her part, is happy with chemistry that has developed on the team this season.

"Kat and Gretchen work well together," said Mayes. "We had a team sleepover at the rink so that was a team bonding experience."

With Mayes working well in the net, PDS should have some more good experiences on the ice this season.

—Bill Alden

WEB GEM: Princeton Day School junior goalie Bryanna Mayes gathers in a save with her glove hand in recent action. Last Friday, Mayes recorded 16 saves to earn the shutout as PDS blanked visiting Pingry. It was Mayes' third shutout in her last four games. PDS, now 7-7, hosts Portledge on January 30 before playing at Holton Arms on February 2 and the Shady Side Academy on February 3.

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Lawrenceville

Boys' Basketball: Leonard Hayes and Brian Kelly led the way as Lawrenceville cruised past Nottingham 72-53 last Saturday. Hayes and Kelly scored 17 points apiece as the Big Red improved to 9-6 on the season. In upcoming action, Lawrenceville hosts Monmouth Academy on February 2.

Boys' Hockey: Bobby Smith and Andrew Van Balkenburg scored but it wasn't enough as Lawrenceville fell 6-2 at Taft (Ct.) last Sunday. The Big Red, now 5-9-3, play at Wyoming Academy (Pa.) on January 30 before hosting Shady Side Academy (Pa.) on February 2.

PDS

Boys' Basketball: Paced by a balanced attack, PDS topped Robbinsville 72-64 last Monday. Joe Rogers and Kenny Holzhammer scored 20 points apiece with Antoine Hoppenot adding 17. The Panthers, now 11-8, play at WW/P-N on February 2 and New Egypt on February 4.

Girls' Basketball: Freshman center Tiffany Patterson was dominant as PDS topped Robbinsville 57-49 last Monday. Patterson produced a triple-double, scoring 24 points with 15 rebounds and 11 blocked shots. Senior star Hannah Epstein added 15 points as the Panthers improved to 10-10 on the season. PDS hosts Lawrenceville on January 31.

Hun

Boys' Basketball: Mike Auriemma and Lance Goulbourne led the way as Hun won 70-47 at Mercersburg Academy last Saturday. Auriemma scored a game-high 23 points while Goulbourne chipped in 22 as the Raiders improved to 8-10 on the season. Hun hosts the Hill School on February 1.

Girls' Basketball: Emily Gratch had another big game as Hun won 66-45 at Mercersburg Academy last Saturday. Senior star Gratch poured in 18 points with freshman Lexee Liaskos adding 12. The Raiders, now 11-6, host the Hill School on February 1 and Army Prep on February 5.

Boys' Hockey: Stephen Norman and Harry Blackburn scored two goals apiece as Hun won 6-2 at Landon (Md.) last Friday. Junior goalie Travis Potts made 29 saves in the victory. A day later, the Raiders improved to 6-7 on the season as they topped Calvert Academy 3-1. Hun plays at Holy Ghost on January 30 before hosting WW/P-N on February 1.

PHS

Girls' Basketball: Rachel Basie scored 10 points but it wasn't enough as PHS fell 42-29 at Robbinsville last Friday to drop to 0-15 on the season. The Little Tigers play at Ewing on February 1 before hosting WW/P-S on February 4.

Boys' Hockey: Unable to untracked in the offensive zone, 13th-seeded PHS fell 4-1 to No. 4 Hopewell Valley last Friday in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament. Freshman forward Fraser Graham notched the only goal for PHS while senior goalie Dimitri Yukubov made 33 saves in a losing cause. PHS, now 4-11, is next in action when it plays WW/P-N on February 4 at the Lawrenceville School rink.

Wrestling: PHS fell 51-23 at Monsignor Donovan last Saturday. Winners for the Little Tigers included David Kirkenir at 140 pounds, Louis Marchetta at 135, Calvin Brasor at 152, and Stephen Perna at heavyweight. PHS will compete in the Mercer County Tournament on February 1 and 2.

GABFEST: Princeton High girls' hockey sophomore forward Gabby Vukasin controls the puck as PHS topped visiting Summit 4-1 last Thursday. The Little Tigers, now 5-7, host the Hill School on January 30 at Baker Rink before playing Shady Side Academy (Pa.) on February 2 and Holton Arms (Md.) on February 3 with both games to be played in Fox Chapel, Pa.

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POST TIME: Stuart Country Day sophomore center Sarah Schulte, right, establishes post position in a game earlier this season. Last Friday, Schulte and the Tartans cruised to a 52-21 win at Timothy Christian. Stuart, now 10-5, hosts Hightstown on January 31 before playing at Rutgers Prep on February 1.

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Local Sports

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The 13-Prep program is designed to ease the players' introduction to the bigger field. The league encourages all former Little Leaguers to try at least one season playing on a major-league sized diamond. The players will only play games against other teams and leagues with 13 year-old players.

PCBRL also offer a Majors division for 14- 15-year-olds, designed to advance the level of play for players who have already experienced one year of playing on the bigger field.

To register or to get more details about the programs, log onto the league's website at www.leaguelineup.com/pcbrl. Deadline for registration is February 29.

X-Cel Swimmers Star as Burgdorff Meet

The Princeton-based X-Cel Swimming club placed several swimmers in the top eight at the 17th Annual Burgdorff-ERA Invitational Swim Meet recently held at the Sonny Werblin Recreation Center on the Rutgers University campus.

In the 10-and-under girls' category, Hannah Ash (10) took eighth place in the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle. Samantha Chan (10) won the 100 and the 50 breaststroke races. Cynthia Wu (10) placed second in the 50 butterfly and third in the 100 fly. Emily Hung (9) took fourth place in the 100 backstroke.

As for the 10-and-under boys, Allan Wang (10) won the 100 back and the 100 fly, placed second in the 50 fly and the 50 back, third in the 100 breast, and fifth in the 100 free.

In the 12-and-under girls, Julia Cunningham (12) took sixth place in the 100 fly. Serena Deardorff (12) placed third in the 50 fly. Aleksa Lapinas (12) placed third in the 50 free, fifth in the 50 breast, and seventh in the 100 free.

In the 12-and-under boys, Patrick Park (12) won the 50 breast, and took second in the 100 fly, 100 breast, 50 fly, and 200 individual medley. He placed fourth in the 100 free and fifth in the 400 free and 200 free.

In the 14-and-under girls, Megan Lydzinski (14) won the 50 free and took second in the 100 free. Anna Marshall placed seventh in the 100 breast.

PGSA Softball League Starting Registration

Registration is now open for the Princeton Girls Softball Association's (PGSA) upcoming 2008 season.

The program will include the following leagues: a T-Ball Division-5- and 6-year-olds; Rookie Division-7- and 8-year-olds; Minor Division-9- and 10-year-olds; Major Division-11- and 12-year-olds; and a Junior Division 13-15-year-olds.

All girls wanting to play in the minor and major divisions will be required to attend evaluations which will take place in early March. The purpose of the evaluations is to make the teams fairly balanced.

The fees for the divisions are as follows: T-Ball-$30 if paid before February 22 and $45 thereafter; Rookies-$65 before February 22 and $100 thereafter; Minors-$85 before February 22 and $100 therealter; Majors-$85 before February 15 and $100 therealter; Junior-$95 before February 15 and $110 thereafter.

The team uniforms are included in the registration fee; jerseys, shorts, visors, and socks will be provided for all players.

The PGSA is planning to hold free clinics with those programs to take place from February through March.

Team practices are scheduled to start the first week of April with regular season games beginning in mid-April and running to Memorial Day.

Rookies will play and practice on Tuesday and Thursday. Minors will play and practice on Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday, Majors will play on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and/or Saturday mornings. All games will be scheduled to start at 6 p.m. on week nights or 9 a.m. on weekends. T-ball will play on Sundays at 3 p.m..

Coaches and assistant coaches are needed and parents are encouraged to volunteer for those roles. In addition, the league is seeking young adult umpires and welcomes boys and girls 11 and older to apply. The league pays the umpires on a game-by-game basis.

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The Princeton Girls Softball Association is sponsoring an Under-14 girls tournament softball team for 2008.

The team is expecting to play in five or more weekend tournaments from April through June. The tournaments are all being played within 30 minutes of Princeton.

The team is also holding practices at the Princeton High School gym during the winter that are open to anyone interested in joining us on the team. Prospective players interested in participating or learning more about the team should contact Paul Gray at pgray@starcite.com.

Princeton Travel Basketball Recent Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's 5th-grade girls' travel basketball team topped Hopewell 18-11. Princeton's Mira Shane led all scorers with nine points.

The 6th Grade Girls Travel team lost 37-14 to South Brunswick in Central Jersey Basketball League action. Princeton was led by Liz Jacobs with six points, 10 rebounds and and six steals. The loss dropped Princeton to 3-4 on the season.

The Princeton U-13 boys' team fell 43-29 to West Windsor-Plainsboro. Peter Schulman had a big game in a losing cause, scoring 15 points as he hit five three-pointers.

Dillon Youth Basketball January 26 Results

In action last Saturday in the 4th/5th grade boys' division of the Dillon Youth Basketball League, Malik Thompson and Christopher Diver scored nine points apiece as the Kings topped the Trailblazers 35-32. Robert Mooney had 19 points in the loss. In other games in the division, the Lakers posted a 31-29 overtime win over the Suns as Noah Wasserman scored eight points and Nicholas Baughan added seven. Larry Bao had eight points for the Suns.

The Rockets topped the Clippers 26-13 as Nicholas Wey scored 14 points in the win. Michael Murray had eight points for the Clippers. The Mavericks topped the Jazz 34-31 in overtime as Caleb Wagner had 10 points and Pete Luther added six. Thomas Moore had 12 points in the loss. Luis Lazo, Elliot Dolan and William McGuirk scored six points apiece as the Spurs topped the Sonics 23-16. Marquis Henderson had eight points in the loss.

The boys' 6th/7th grade division saw Elliot Golden score 12 points and Christian Giles added nine as Connecticut topped Rutgers 37-35. Kevin Quinn and Peter Mahotiere added eight points apiece in the win. In other games in the division, Chris Glazer and Louis Capon scored seven points apiece as St. John's topped West Virginia 29-22. Matt Vasseur had 12 points and Will Flemer added seven in the loss. Scott Bechler scored 11 points and Brock DeHaven added 10 as Villanova topped Notre Dame 33-26. Robert Morelli had eight points and Brandon Lambiase added six in the loss. Pittsburgh topped Syracuse 30-24 as Jeremy Goldsmith had 10 points and Danny Kang added eight. Seton Hall topped Georgetown 45-25, as Matthew Vieten scored 14 points and Daniel Sturm added 11. Alex Deutsch had 14 points in the loss.

In the boys' 8th/9th grade division, Oliver Pimley scored 16 points and Jeffrey Batt added 11 as Princeton Petronello topped Caliper Farms Nursery 32-30. Terence Sodbinow had 13 points and Luke Cordonnier added 11 in the loss. Patrick Lynch and Will Kelmig scored 10 points apiece to lead Iano's Rosticerria to a 31-20 win over Princeton PBA. Princeton Amoco topped Woodwinds 51-20 as Aaron Thomas scored 18 points and Eric Gunstenson added eight.

In games in the 4th/5th grade girls' division, Mary Sutton scored 10 points, including the basket that forced overtime, as Princeton Dental Group topped Vincent Baldino and Brothers 20-18 in triple overtime. Caroline Giles added six points in the win while Mira Shane had 16 points in the loss. Princeton Shopping Center topped Conte's 16-4 as Sinclair Meggitt scored eight points. Julia Ryan had four points for Conte's.

The 6th-9th grade girls' division saw Kate Kerr score 28 points to lead Franklin & Alison Orchestra to a 38-23 win over GR Murray Insurance. Katherine Comley had eight points and Mara Cakir added seven in the loss. Emma Wingreen had nine points and Susan Farrell added eight as American Sew/Vac topped Mack-Cali, 26-6.

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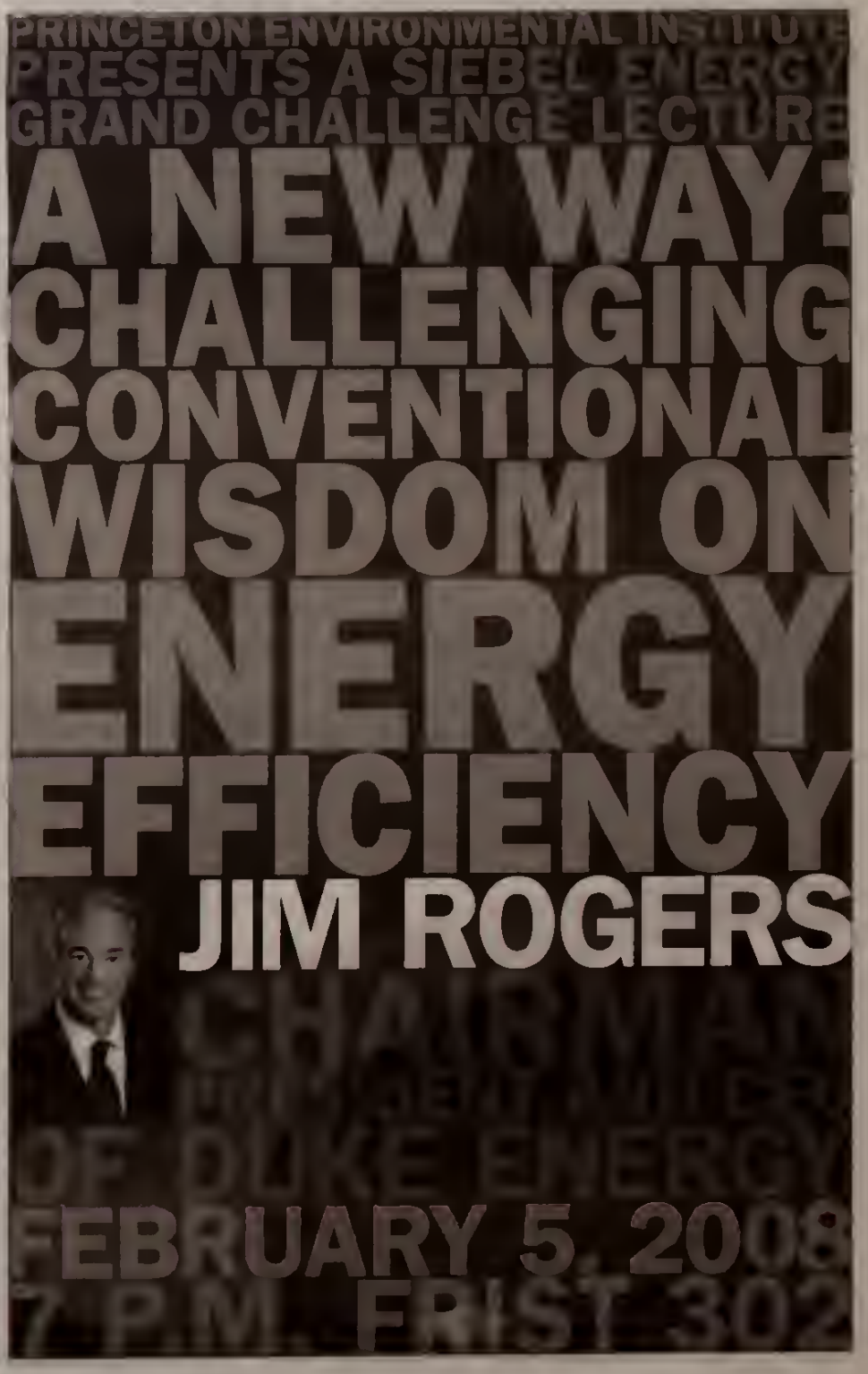

Clubs

The **Professional and Business Singles Network** will host a Ladies Night After Hours Social for a 40-plus age group this Friday, February 1 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Barley's Pub, Princeton Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at Forrestal. The event will feature a cash bar with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, billiards, and shuffleboard.

Membership is not required.

For more information, call (888) 348-5544 or visit www.PBSNinfo.com.

The **Piano Teachers Forum** will hold its monthly meeting this Friday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. at Jacobs Music, Route 1 in Lawrence Township. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m. Non-members are welcome for a $10 fee at the door.

The program will be "Experiencing Beethoven's Piano Sonatas" presented by Scott Burnham, professor of music and chair of the Music Department at Princeton University. Prof. Burnham, author of *Beethoven Hero*, *On the Beautiful in Mozart*, and *Haydn and Humor*, will consider the sonatas as a kind of journey for the pianist and the notion of them forming a cycle.

For directions or more information about the Piano Teachers Forum, call Jean Parsons at (609) 921-1510.

The **Astrological Society of Princeton** will meet at Educational Testing Service's Conant Hall, Lounge A this Sunday, February 3 at 2:30 p.m. Attendees should use the building's rear entrance at the intersection of Rosedale Road and Carter Road.

Shelley Ackerman, a New York City based astrologer, journalist, and media personality, will discuss "Beyond the Jupiter-Pluto Conjunction: 2008 Major Placements and Aspects." The lecture will focus on the Pluto's Capricorn Ingress, and the first Tuesday in November.

A social hour will follow the lecture. The public is welcome.

A donation will be accepted at the door.

For more information, call (609) 924-4311.

The **Lawrence Sight-Reading Orchestra** will meet on Tuesday, February 5 at the Lawrence Senior Center, 30 Darrah Lane, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The orchestra will read Symphony No. 6 by Schubert and the third movement of Symphony No. 2 by Brahms.

For further information, call (609) 452-8257.

55PLUS will hear a talk on "The Politics of Crime and Punishment in the U.S." at its 10 a.m. meeting on Thursday, February 7 at the Jewish Center of Princeton. The speaker, Beth Kiyoko Jamieson, Ph.D., is the author of *Real Choices: Feminism, Freedom, and the Limits of Law*, as well as articles and reviews on subjects ranging from surrogacy to speech codes. She has taught at Rutgers, Haverford College, the University of Pennsylvania, and Princeton University since 1999. She also directs the Pace Center, Princeton's center for civic engagement and public service.

Dr. Jamieson's academic focus is on the relationship between law and political power. She is particularly interested in issues of discrimination and inequality of opportunity.

The **Princeton PC User Group** will meet on February 11 at 7:30 p.m. for a talk by Doug Dixon on "Hot Tech 2008: Highlights from the Consumer Electronics Show." The meeting will be at the Mercer County Library in Lawrenceville. Guests are welcome.

The International CES is the world's largest platform for new technology and devices. Many of the more then 20,000 products launched at this year's international CES will soon be on store shelves.

Mr. Dixon is an independent technology consultant, editor, author, and speaker specializing in digital media. He has worked in the "Video Valley" of Princeton for more than 25 years. His writing and presentations are available on his Web site, www.manifest-tech.com.

For more information, visit www.ppcug-nj.org or call (908) 218-0778.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will host two upcoming dances at the Suzanne Patterson Center — a social ballroom dance on Sunday, February 10 and a Salsa Sensation dance on Saturday, February 16. The ballroom dance will feature waltz, foxtrot, tango, hustle, swing, and Latin music. A beginner waltz lesson will be offered from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; open dancing will follow until 11:30 p.m. The Salsa Sensation dance will feature salsa, mambo, bachata, merengue, cha-cha, and other dances, with a beginner-intermediate salsa lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

The club's Jersey Jumpers will also host a swing dance and Lindy Hop on Friday, February 15 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road. A beginner Lindy lesson will be offered at 7:30 p.m., an intermediate lesson at 8 p.m. Dancing will follow from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Admission to all events will be $11, with students $8.

For more information, visit www.centraljerseydance.org or call (609) 945-1883.

The **Women's College Club of Princeton** will meet on Monday, February 18 at 1 p.m. in the parish hall of All Saints' Church, 16 All Saints' Road. J. Robert Hillier will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Hillier's talk, "Smart Growth in Princeton; Dumb Growth in Dubai," will be on smart growth "infill" projects in Princeton and on the senior housing alternatives contemplated for Princeton's Ridge section. The topic will be coupled with a comparative architectural discussion of some developments in the Middle East and China, where Mr. Hillier's firm is also doing extensive design work.

An internationally known architect and developer, and an advocate of open space, Mr. Hillier teaches at Princeton University's School of Architecture and sits on the boards of several academic institutions and community organizations. His firm, Hillier Architecture, was named "Firm of the Year" in 2006 by the New Jersey chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Following the talk and a question and answer period, light refreshments will be served.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information on activities and membership in the Women's College Club of Princeton, call (609) 430-1565.

The **Master Gardeners of Mercer County** will host an all-day event, "Responsible Gardening with Pizzazz," on Saturday, March 15 at the Friend Center of Princeton University. Two prominent horticulturists, Allan Armitage and HGTV's Erica Glasener, host of *Gardener's Diory*, will be among the speakers at the event's garden symposium.

The event is intended to draw attention to beautiful gardens achieved through respect for the environment.

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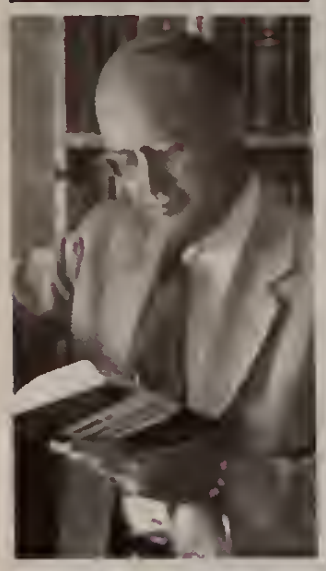

Donald Macleod

The Reverend Dr. Donald Macleod, Francis L. Patton Professor of Preaching and Worship, Emeritus, at Princeton Theological Seminary, died January 20 at The Oak Crest Retirement Village in Baltimore, Md.

He was born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, where he received A.B. and M.A. degrees from Dalhousie University and a B.D. degree from Pine Hill Divinity Hall. He was ordained and served pastorates in Louisburg, N.S. and Toronto. He received a Th.D. at Emmanuel College of the University of Toronto while a senior tutor at Victoria College. He then joined the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary.

He was awarded honorary degrees from Pine Hill (D.D.) and Dalhousie (LL.D).

Dr. Macleod preached in influential pulpits throughout the world, including the university chapels of Duke, Princeton, Muhlenberg, Rutgers, Lehigh, and New College, London; and in pulpits of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., the Chicago Sunday Evening Club, American Preacher Series at Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, Chautauqua Evangelist, Wellington Church in Glasgow, Scotland, and Fifth Avenue and Riverside Churches in New York City. He preached on "Church of the Air" of the CBC and was a guest lecturer at many summer conferences in the U.S. and Canada. He also mentored chaplains in the armed services.

He delivered several lecture series, and is the namesake of two yearly series in New Jersey. He was a member of the Advisory Council of Princeton University Chapel, editor of the Princeton Seminary Bulletin, the New Jersey correspondent to the Christian Century, and editor of Here Is My Method, a Pulpit Book Club selection in 1952.

He was a fellow of the American Association of Theological Schools, conducting research in London. He was one of the founders and first president of the American Academy of Homiletics. He authored nine books that set the standard for contemporary preaching. In his retirement, he was a minister in residence at Charlestown Retirement Community, Catonsville, Md.

Predeceased by his wife, Norma Elinor Harper Macleod, he is survived by four children, John Fraser of San Francisco, David Ainslie of Nelson, B.C., Canada, Alberta Anne of Baltimore, and Leslie Elinor of Sydney Center, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Princeton Theological Seminary Scholarship Fund, 64 Mercer Street, Princeton 08540. A private family service will be held at Black Brook Cemetery, Port Morien, N.S., Canada.

Ruth Lester

Ruth Lester, 89, of North Branford, Conn., formerly of Princeton, died January 23 in North Branford.

Born in New Haven, Conn. to Edward and Rebecca Weiss, she graduated with honors from New Haven High School in 1935. in 1938 she married David Lester.

Beginning in 1962 she lived in Princeton, where her husband was a professor of biochemistry at Rutgers University and she was assistant editor of the Papers of Thomas Jefferson at Princeton University. They retired in 1987 and 1988, respectively.

She moved to Evergreen Woods in North Branford in 1992 following her husband's death in 1990. She was also predeceased by a brother, Nathan Weiss, in 1991; a sister, Henrietta Yurchenco, in 2007; a son, James M. Lester, in 2001; and a grandson, Evan Schager, in 2004. She is survived by a daughter, Anne Lester Schager of Scarsdale, N.Y.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was January 27 at the Weller Funeral Home, 493 Whitney Avenue, New Haven. Burial was in the Grove Street Cemetery.

Regina H. Meredith

Regina Haig Meredith, 85, of Pennington, died January 18 at home.

Born in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of Alexander Meigs Haig and Regina Murphy Haig.

Her education began at Merion Academy. She then attended Rosemont College and graduated with honors from Temple University. She was one of the first women to graduate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1951.

Throughout her long professional career, Mrs. Meredith was a pioneer and a strong advocate for the advancement of women in the legal profession. She was a founding partner in the law firm of Meredith, Meredith, Chase & Taggart with offices in Trenton and Princeton, where she specialized in family, matrimonial, and estate law. During her 50-year career she served on various national and local legal committees. She was admitted to practice in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

She was a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey Bar Associations, and a charter member of the Mercer County Women Lawyers Caucus. She was also a certified trial attorney who continued to practice until the time of her death.

Active in local and state politics, she was elected as one of the first female freeholders in Mercer County and was vice chairman of the New Jersey State Republican Committee, a position she held for a number of years. She also served on the Board of the Pennington Cemetery Association.

She was also a member of the Present Day Club, Bedens Brook Country Club, and Hopewell Valley Golf Club. A lifelong learner, she was an avid gardener who traveled extensively.

She is survived by her husband and law partner of 55 years, Edward Brennan Meredith; four children, Regina Meredith-Carpeni of Oxshott, England, Eleanor Meredith Monroe of New Canaan, Conn., Edward Brennan Meredith Jr. of Hopewell, and Alexandra Meredith Taggart of Moorestown, N.J.; two brothers, Gen. Alexander Meigs Haig Jr. and Father Francis Rawle Haig, SJ; and 12 grandchildren.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at 11 a.m. this Saturday, February 2 at St. James Chapel on Eglantine Avenue, Pennington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of the M. William Murphy Funeral Home, 935 Parkway Avenue, Ewing.

Delores I. Carter

Delores I. Pollard Carter, 80, of Philadelphia, formerly of Princeton, died January 11, peacefully at home.

Born and raised in Princeton, she was educated in the Princeton Public Schools. During her high school years she was the assistant organist at First Baptist Church, sang in the choir, and served as the pianist for the church's Sunday School.

She graduated from New York University, where she received a B.A. degree in sociology in 1948 and a master's in education in 1954. She was a social worker in New York City and taught for over 30 years in the Wilmington and Philadelphia Public School systems.

After retirement she volunteered one day a week for 19 years as a recorder for the blind and visually impaired. She also served as a volunteer for 15 years at Children's Hospital, working with children. She also worked with adult students in a literacy program. During her leisure time she enjoyed reading, sewing, gardening, and playing the organ.

Daughter of the late Wayne and Eloise Pollard, she is survived by her husband of 52 years, Louis H. Carter; two sons, Mark Carter of Baltimore and Richard Carter of Wilmington; a sister, Arden Pollard of Princeton; two grandchildren; and three special friends, Elaine Barnes, Margaret Freeman, and Rebecca Yenawine.

Interment was private on January 16 at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 827790, Philadelphia, Pa. 19182-7790; or to Associated Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 919 Walnut Street, F-15, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107; or to Wiffahickon Hospice of UPHS, 150 Monument Road, Suite 300, Bala Cynwyd, Pa. 19004.

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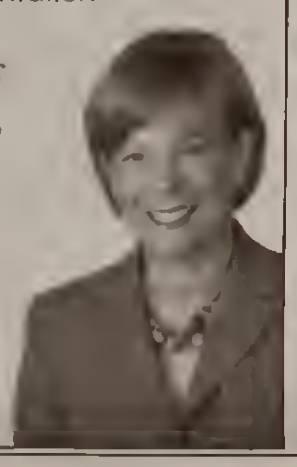

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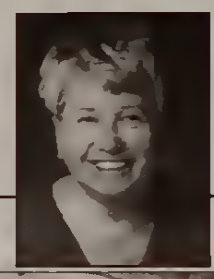

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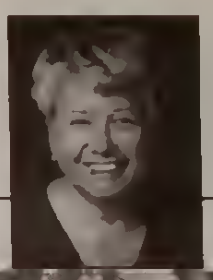

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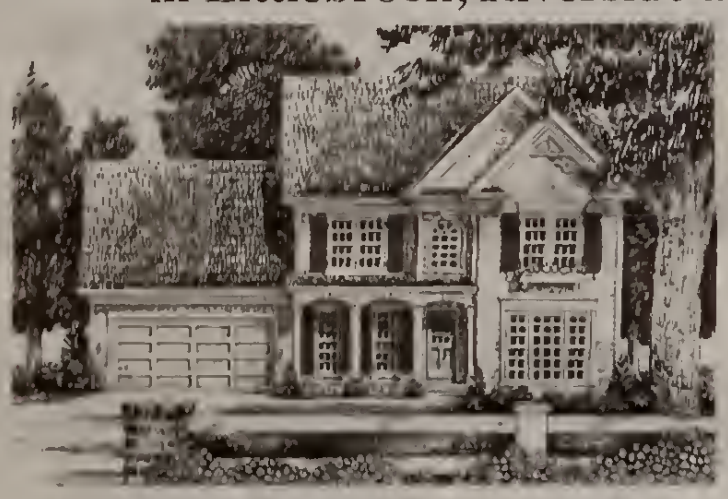

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Directions: Cherry Hill Road to Crestview, left on Montadale Drive, right on Montadale Circle to #42.

$1,395,000 *Marketed by Beatrice Bloom*

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$1,236,750 *Marketed by Richard Burke*

Princeton Township: Beautiful contemporary ranch provides a 1½-floor house, or one-floor living on the upper level, an apt on the lower level. Located in the tranquil Riverside section of Princeton, it is within walking/biking distance to the NY bus, Princeton University, and Riverside School. Upon entering the home you feel the positive effects of Feng Shui, with vaulted ceilings, round doorway, glass blocks and energy efficient windows. Beautiful hardwood floors. The spacious kitchen has maple cabinets, granite island, and high-end appliances. Extra large eat-in area/great area has vaulted ceiling, skylights and ceiling fan. The dining room looks into an indoor pond. The bridge room with wet bar/ instant hot water and wall-to-wall windows adds to the chi and fabulous space for entertaining. Newer roof, water heater, furnace are added bonuses. A separate 2 bedroom apt could be used as study, in-law or au-pair suite, or income-producing apartment. A unique and exceptionally well-maintained home in a great neighborhood. A Must See!!

$949,000 *Marketed by Terri Dionfee & Ingela Kostenbader*

Princeton Township: A superb renovation of a California mid-century raised ranch in a picturesque setting was just completed in February 2007. Virtually the entire house is new. From top of the line Gaggenean kitchen appliances, Henrihult SoHo kitchen cabinets, Waterworks bathrooms, limestone and bamboo floors, to views of 18 preserved acres from almost every window, it is a very unique find in today's market. Other special details include state of the art audio visual wiring with indoor/outdoor speakers, a built-in iPod doc and plasma TV's. It also includes two fireplaces, a heated indoor Sylvan swimming pool/jacuzzi and an outdoor handball court. Professionally Feng Shuied in March 2007. Quality abounds in this vacation-like setting so close to the hustle bustle of all Princeton has to offer! Possible expansion opportunity. This home cannot be seen from the road. One owner is a licensed NJ Realtor.

Directions: State Road (Rt. 206) to #432.

$899,000

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Directions: Nassau to Snowden, to #206.

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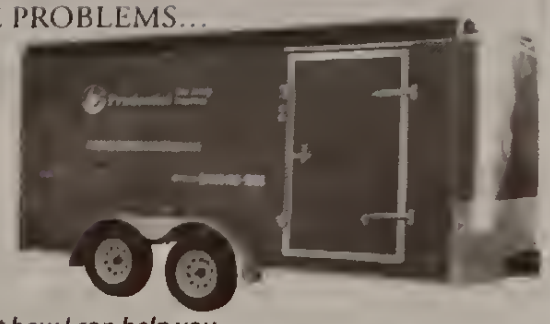

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Personalization In All Aspects of the Wedding Is the Key to the 2008 Season

Cookie-cutter style weddings are definitely not the way to go — if indeed they ever were. In past times, there was a traditional format in weddings. But in today's world, the focus is more and more on the individual, and this is evidenced in nuptials, as in many other areas of society.

Personally-prepared vows, hand-written invitations, brides walking down the aisle with their dog, attire suitable to the setting — whether the beach, the mountains, or a hotel in Paris; arriving at the church on a motorcycle (or horse-drawn carriage or limo), leaving on a hay wagon, sleigh, train, or tandem bicycle — there is an option for everyone, and everyone seems to have his or her own take on it.

NEWLYWEDS: Lewis Kassel captured the groom kissing the bride after they were married at the Princeton University chapel.

With the advent of older brides and grooms and more second marriages, dictating to a bride is passe. Personalization is the key — from the invitations to the ceremony to the reception to the honeymoon.

Wedding dresses, once exclusively white — and while still the predominant choice — are now seen in champagne, pink, peach, even red. Some dresses have sashes and ribbons matching the colors of the bridesmaids dresses.

As always, fashion choices come and go. Strapless dresses, once so prevalent, are beginning to give way to romantic off-the-shoulder styles and gowns with unique necklines. Romantic dresses in floor and ankle-length styles are popular for the 2008 wedding season. Brides today are choosing dresses with flowing, soft fabrics, ruffled hems, satin sashes, and silhouettes include the delicate overlay of sheer fabrics. Think Greek Goddess!

All of these styles can be adapted to the individual taste and preferences of each bride. If any one aspect is really hot this season, it is personal choice.

Bridal Fashions

Nevertheless, selecting a wedding dress can be one of life's more daunting challenges. An about-to-be mother-of-the-bride relates her shopping experience with her daughter. "Kristy is the furthest thing from high maintenance, so when it was time to pick out a wedding dress, she decided she wanted something simple. Not fancy, just basic. She looked at bridal fashions by herself first; then, she invited some of her teacher colleagues to look at the dresses she had

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chosen. Mom would be invited to view the 'final four'.

"She tried on some really pretty and plain, basic but attractive dresses for her friends. They said the dresses looked great. Then, one said, 'Just for fun, try on one of the more elaborate dresses.'

"Kristy was hooked. Plain and basic were just that — plain and basic. By this time, mom (me) was brought in for the 'elite eight', including a few simple dresses, some a little more elaborate, and some 'go for the gold'!

"But there still seemed to be something missing. Nothing quite rang the bell. Kristy felt that she wanted something more than the 'simple white dress', but less than the 'Cinderella creation'. She and I visited several bridal shops, and one Sunday, we dropped in on one of the bridal 'palaces' which had been recommended.

"Kristy chose a few dresses, and then I spied one (all the dresses were encased in heavy plastic covers) which I thought would look great on her. 'Here, try this first,' I suggested. The sales lady brought all the dresses which Kristy had chosen into the dressing room. She then disappeared.

"'Help!' I heard from dressing room number 4, where Kristy was entrenched. 'I'm trapped!' Ever cool, I tugged on the skirt of one of the sales ladies. 'I think my daughter in number 4 needs some help.'

"'Oh, those zippers are a bear,' she quipped. 'She'll be fine. I'll help her when she comes out of the dressing room.'

"'Helllllllllp!' cried Kristy again. So this time, I ran to the dressing room to find that a parachute had opened! The dress which I had thought would be just perfect turned out to have erupted into an all-enveloping, billowing tent when the plastic was removed."

Mermaid Dress

"The next thing we realized was that the sales ladies love to tell the brides-to-be how great they look in the dresses they are trying on. One of these ladies had chosen a dress for Kristy, and again, it was in plastic when she and I saw it. I suggested she try everything. You never know what will look terrific.

"So Kristy waltzed out of the dressing room in the latest style. It was what is called a 'mermaid' wedding dress. That means it clings to your body, showing off your curves, and ends up with a flair by the ankles. It works particularly well with those brides who are exceedingly well-endowed.

"However, no part of Kristy made any contact with any part of the dress! And of course, the sales ladies were chorusing: 'You look so BEAUTIFUL!'

"My comment was to sing 'Under the Sea' from the Disney movie, 'The Little Mermaid'!

"Then, there was a surprise. One of the sales people eventually brought out a great dress for Kristy, and that was the one she chose. The dress is now hanging in my guest room closet.

"Suggestion: when you find your bridal dress, take it and run. Kristy has had friends who have chosen their dresses at bridal shops, and when they later went to pick them up, they were gone! Lost or sold to someone else. To avoid such a disaster, take it home immediately."

Selecting appropriate wedding attire is just a step down in importance for the mother-of-the-bride (m.o.b.) and mother-of-the-groom (m.o.g.). These ladies want to look their very best, and

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PERSONALIZED WEDDING CAKE: Teri Lands, director of sales and catering for Main Street Fine Catering points out that there tends to be a connection between the bride's choice of dress and wedding cake.

"RINGS ON THE FINGERS": This wedding band "threesome" includes a man's 2-tone gold ring (center) surrounded by women's gorgeous full-cut diamond bands, available at Princeton Jewelers.

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with more and more Baby Boomers falling into m.o.b./m.o.g. categories, they are definitely not seeking "sedate".

Right Dress

And just as the search for a bridal gown is challenging, so is finding the right dress for the moms. Consider this scenario from a recent m.o.g. "The legendary advice to the mother-of-the-groom is: 'wear beige, show up, and keep your mouth shut.'

"I look horrible in beige, and have never been able to keep my lips sealed; so when our son was married recently, the only advice I planned to take from that suggestion was 'show up', and I wanted to show up looking great.

"I had no idea how difficult it would be to find the right m.o.g. dress, and I was unpleasantly surprised. Armed with the bride's instructions: 'wear anything you'd like, except black or white,' and having a T.J. Maxx and Marshall's mentality, I started a few months before the wedding and checked out all the discount stores, where I had found great formal wear in the past. Nothing.

"As my son's wedding was a once-in-a-lifetime (we hoped!) event, my husband said: 'Try some of the boutiques in town, and how about Nordstrom's and Saks?' The advantage of these stores was that there would be a seasoned salesperson to personally evaluate my 5' 2" height and my size 14-petite figure and find 'just the right dress for me' at a cost, of course. The operative phrase being: 'at a cost'.

"Not only was I shocked by the prices, but I kept finding the same dresses which the discount stores carried. It was also clear to me why those on sale were selling at a fraction of their original price — they were beyond unacceptable: they were awful!

"For some reason, every sales lady thought I would look great in tiers of chiffon. Remember that I am short and not slim. Picture a cupcake in a very frilly wrapper; that was me! In one very exclusive salon, my daughter and I were laughing so hard in the dressing room (I had the teal 'cupcake wrapper' on backwards and couldn't get out of the tiers of material) that we were urged to 'keep it down, please. I will be happy to help you, but just keep quiet.'"

Trench Coat

"I had visions of coming down the aisle in a trench coat!

"Finally, I found a petite department in a high end department store in Baltimore. What a discovery! The prices were a fraction of the regular length dresses, and I found the perfect one: a sleeveless mock two-piece dress in what my oenophile daughter deemed 'Shiraz, with georgette skirt, sparkly top, and matching jacket. The compliments at the wedding flowed, as did my skirt."

The saga continues, as the same lady is about to become a m.o.b. "Now, it's time to find a dress for my daughter's May wedding. This time I bypassed the boutiques, and went straight to the department store's petite department. Nothing! There were signs above the racks which broadcast: 'Bridal Party' and 'Mothers' Bridal Wear'. However, my daughter and I began laughing again when we saw what was hanging there: gold lamé form-clinging strapless silks. By the way, I haven't grown nor slimmed down in the past year. And then, there were the mini skirts, baby doll dresses, and — worst of all — what could have been happily worn with a babushka by the great-great-grandmother of some brides.

"Picturing that Burberry trench coat and the church aisle again, I suddenly had an inspiration. I looked at the label in the dress from my son's wedding, and googled the company, which sent me an internet catalog, and then told me where these dresses were sold. About a week later, my internet-ordered dress arrived. It is perfect! I was so excited to show my husband that I forgot to remove my white tennis socks when I modeled it. He still gave it rave reviews, socks and all. It is similar to the one from my son's wedding, but this is Wedgewood blue. I wrote a letter of praise to the dress manufacturer. I am hoping they will send me a coupon or something nice (we have one more single daughter!).

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"Advice: start looking for your m.o.b./m.o.g. dress as soon as the engagement ring is slipped on the bride's finger!

We are fortunate in Princeton to have stores with expert staffs who specialize in personal service and where customizing the dress to each customer's individual body contour is paramount. Merrick's, the popular woman's boutique, has always been known for its unique selection of dresses just right for weddings, but which never cry out: "M.O.B/M.O.G."

Destination Weddings

"We have beautiful gowns and dresses that can be appropriate for moms," says owner Barbara Racich. "Mothers are younger today; they do more things, go places, travel. Personalization is important to them. Women want mother-of-the-bride dresses that are unique and certainly that don't look like a costume.

"In addition, now there are many destination weddings, and moms need something appropriate for that particular setting. It could be Aruba, Hawaii, Italy."

Popular colors for m.o.b./m.o.g. dresses are navy, chocolate brown, gray, even chartreuse, in addition to the traditional pastels, notes Ms. Racich. Silk is popular, also metallics, and although a certain amount of beading is desirable, "too busy" or too much elaborate detail is a no-no. Sizes range from 2 to 16.

Sleek and sophisticated is often the look today's moms want to convey, and dresses featuring graceful, tiered silhouettes are frequently the gowns of choice.

"Many of our dresses can be customized," reports Ms. Racich. "Necklines, sleeves, color, hem length can all be custom. We have a wide variety of styles and samples. Also, if you want something a bit more tailored, we have 3-piece ensembles, with jacket, shell, and long or shorter skirt. While most dresses are long, there is a lot of interest in tea length."

Mixing and matching colors is very popular. For example, a Mark Heister black jacket can look super with hot pink lapels (or with many other color possibilities). It is a chic tailored look with luxurious fabrics, worn with the skirt length of one's choice.

Second Skin

"Women want to look their most beautiful, but of course, they don't want to outshine the bride or clash with the colors of the wedding party," points out Ms. Racich. "Most of all, it is important to feel comfortable in the gown. It should be like a second skin."

Merrick's advises moms planning for their daughter's or son's spring and summer weddings to look now. "We offer expertise and personal service. Remember, clothes

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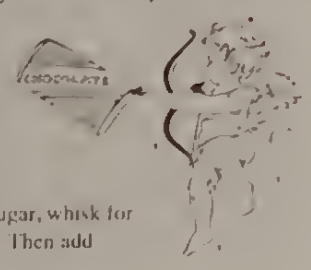

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don't look the same on the hanger as on the individual's body shape. We advise people to look at everything for style, and then it can always be customized to the individual. We are here to help."

Evelyns Stacy in the Lawrence Shopping Center is another popular source for m.o.b./m.o.g. dresses. Owner Evelyn Goldring has a keen eye for fashion and what is the look for today's moms.

"Moms are looking for long dresses today. Occasionally, we are asked for tea length, but the predominance of requests are for long dresses.

"It's a more youth-oriented market today," she continues. "Most women want to look younger in general and at weddings in particular. The Baby Boomers definitely don't want 'sedate'. I have found that color choices tend to be vivid, although pastels are still popular for summer, and champagne is always a favorite. But now, people want black, navy, espresso, and shades of blue. Black and white combinations are also popular. This began to come on the scene with the advent of black and white weddings. Aubergine is another popular color, and there is just a tremendous amount of navy."

Ms. Goldring reports that satin-backed crepe, pure silk, and silk chiffon in tiered and multi-layered silhouettes are favored this wedding season, and the bodices are often beaded with accent and embellishment.

"Jacketed dresses are another choice, especially with bolero jackets," she adds. "And they can be fully embellished. Another look is the body dress with trumpet or flounced hemline."

There is also a large selection of more understated tea length dresses in a range of sizes, as well as choices in even shorter hemlines, which are available in two or three pieces.

Today's Woman

Sizes range from 4 to 20, and everything can be customized as to color and length.

"These are dresses for the woman of today," says Ms. Goldring. "They are dresses which can be worn to the wedding, but which are versatile enough to be worn again for other occasions."

A trunk show for m.o.b./m.o.g. dresses will be held February 7, 8, and 9.

Evelyns Stacy also has selected samples of wedding gowns in perfect condition, regularly priced at $3,000, now available from $199 to $399.

Jewelry, accessories, flowers, food, favors — again, personalization is the answer.

Diamonds remain the choice for most brides in wedding and engagement rings, reports Sharon Appello, manager of Princeton Jewelers in the Princeton Shopping Center. "A lot of women are buying wedding bands to match their engagement ring, and wedding bands with an antique look are very popular. Also, bands embedded with pave diamonds are big favorites.

"Having the wedding ring fit well with the engagement ring is important," she adds. "I strongly suggest that every new bride ask if there is a matching wedding band for her engagement ring at the time she gets it. It is so important that they fit snugly together."

New brides continue to select the classic diamond for their engagement ring, notes Ms. Appello. If the bride is older, however, she might wish to upgrade to a colored diamond, such as yellow, or a 3-stone diamond ring. "Brides don't want the 'same old, same old' anymore. It's very personal now."

Men's Rings

Men's wedding rings are far more prevalent today than in the past, and grooms have their own tastes and preferences, points out Ms. Appello. "Titanium for men is popular, and since it is allergy-free, it is especially good for people who may have allergies to metal. Brushed gold and hammered gold are also favorite choices for men. The bands can be plain or with designs. Some men have two and three tones and some have diamonds in the rings. I also find that men often select wedding bands to match their watches."

Ms. Appello reports that there is less matching today of couple's wedding bands, but that engraving remains as strong — and personal — as ever. "Each will have a special message engraved on his or her ring for the other person. And as far as the

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SETTING THE MOOD: Flowers by Dahlia in Pennington set the mood for this wedding reception. *(Photo by Jeff Tasman)*

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ring is concerned, people like to get what suits them. It is always very personal."

Personalization extends to jewelry choices for mother-of-the-bride and mother-of-the-groom, she adds. "Moms frequently come in for coordinating jewelry, and they will even bring in their dress, so they can get a good match. They especially want necklaces and earrings. They love pearls, both traditional and also color, and both strands and pendants are popular. Necklaces with color are very big now, with colored sapphires and pink quartz favorites. We can also custom-make jewelry for them. Then it is really personal!"

In addition to the trend toward individualizing jewelry, there is an interesting development in flowers for m.o.b./m.o.g.s. More moms are carrying small bunches of posies instead of wearing the traditional corsage. Notes a m.o.b.-to-be: "I came up with what I thought was a brilliant idea. Although one florist says she has made some in the past, this is quite a new concept. The m.o.g. and I will be carrying small bouquets, which convert to wristlets after the ceremony. In other words, there is a wrist elastic built into the bouquet. We will carry the bouquet down the aisle, then attach them to our wrists for the cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing. Brilliant!"

When it comes to the reception, personalization is very strong — from soup to nuts.

Teri Lands, director of sales and catering for Main Street Fine Catering (which was named top caterer in New Jersey by The Knot Best of Weddings 2007) points out that couples will be more daring when choosing the bite size hors d'oeuvres than risking a trendy new entree. "It's when they can really show their personality. A couple that may love Asian-style food will choose items such as seared sesame tuna with wasabi; chicken satay; saki with pickled melon, and crab and shrimp wontons in addition to a few simpler items.

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LOOKING GOOD: Typically available in silk or satin, this sophisticated ensemble with jacket, shell, and embellished skirt, is very representative of mother-of-the-bride and mother-of-the-groom dress styles at Evelyns Stacy.

SLOW DANCE: Lewis Kassel photographed the newlyweds dancing at the reception.

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QUESTION: *Married couples say "I love you" so freely, or perhaps I should say "loosely". In your opinion, what do those words really mean?*

ANSWER: Large books have been written on this topic. Here is a small answer.

1. MIND & HEART: Love is an attraction to what is perceived as good. Your mind has to see the worth of a person before your heart can express your affection. Love, therefore, is not a whimsical emotion, but rather a reaction to the depth and majesty of the other.

2. THE EYES OF THE OTHER: To drive my point home, when a person feels insecure, I often ask them why their spouse loves them. Could it be your spouse is just stupid and cannot see what a loser you are? Or, could they see what a nice person is hiding underneath that rough exterior? My facetious comment makes a person see their own value reflected back to them in the eyes of their lover.

3. A COVENANT: Love in marriage is not a boring, stagnant, legal contract carved in stone that locks you into a relationship, but rather a living breathing commitment to ongoing growth with one another. Your vow is like a protective bubble, keeping interferonce out and intensity in.

4. BRAVE: Love means having the courage to ask the other person to grow. Perhaps that means learning to argue with sensitivity vs. aggression or to be humble yourself vs. wear a mask of superiority.

5. PATIENT: As long as a person is genuinely receptive to your sensitive call for them to grow, the speed of that growth is less important. They may be weak where you are strong, and so have to grow according to their time clock, not yours. Remember, your spouse will have to be patient with you too!

6. KIND: Growth requires sandpaper and blankets. Sandpaper for the growing edge, but blankets for kindness. If you come across as arrogant and demanding, trying to control and manipulate, all you will get is defensiveness, procrastination, and broken promises. Your spouse does not want a teacher, just a lover.

7. FORGIVING: In this journey prompted by love, all of us make mistakes, say insensitive, sarcastic, and cruel things to win arguments or in retaliation for feeling hurt. What should you do? Punish the other, extracting your pound of flesh? No. The punishment for being selfish is to be selfish. Instead, if the person is truly sorry, give them another chance as forgiveness is based more on the fact that your spouse can really change and less on that you are a nice person.

8. DON'T BE ENVIOUS: If your spouse showers your children, family and friends with love, that is not taking anything away from you. Love is not a quantity, so that you are getting less of the pie. It is a quality. The more your spouse exercises his or her love for others, the better able they become to love you.

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OFF TO THE CHAPEL: Lewis Kassel photographed the bride at an elegant hotel in Philadelphia where she dressed for the wedding.

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Family-Style

"Also, a family-style dinner works well for couples who want to have the variety of a buffet but don't want the guests wandering around. With family-style, we bring the platters to the table. Popular combinations are grilled sirloin steaks and crab cakes; salmon pesto roulade with a white wine sauteed chicken with artichokes and complementary side dishes"

Ms. Lands also points out an intriguing connection with the bride's choice of dress and the design of wedding cake details. "Brides who choose simple and clean line dress styles usually go for a similar style cake. Brides who have detailed, elaborate dress designs tend to repeat them on the cakes."

Cupcakes are still popular, she adds, but in addition, mini pies and tarts are a favorite way to give guests a variety of flavors for dessert. "Petit apple crumble pie, Mississippi mud and lemon poppy bundt cakes, chocolate cream pies, blueberry crostada, key lime, and baby pumpkin pie are just a few examples. Main Street makes all desserts on the premises from scratch."

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Kids' Birthday Parties Include a Variety of Themes From Sports to Ice Cream to Pizza and Pottery

High School Musical", Hannah Montana, pizza, Paint Ball, paint your own pottery, Outdoor Laser Tag, ice cream sundaes, ice skating, bowling, My Gym, magic, makeup, hula hoops and hairdo's — these are just some of the themes available for children's parties today.

It's a long way from the days of Pin the Tail on the Donkey, ice cream and cake, and blowing out the candles. Heading out to a destination is "de rigeur" for today's birthday bashes, and the choices are almost unlimited.

Just a sampling of popular nearby locations includes Color Me Mine in the Princeton Shopping Center, Peggy Sue's Ice Cream in Lawrenceville, Snip-its in Nassau Park Boulevard, and a bit farther afield, Outdoor Laser Tag, run by Combat Sports USA in Manalapan.

Everything a child needs to create his or her own masterpiece is available at Color Me Mine. Instructors are on hand to help with advice and technique, and children from three and up love painting their own pottery.

"Birthday parties are an important part of our business," notes owner Jennifer Ashton. "Both boys and girls come, and the most popular ages tend to be five to 13."

Eight to 40 guests can be accommodated, with an average size party 10 to 15 kids. Parties, which last two hours, are held at 11, 2, and 5 in Saturday and 11 and 2 on Sunday. Weekday parties are also available, as are evening parties for an additional charge.

Three Options

"Each guest may paint a piece of pottery (usually from a pre-selected group of 10 items chosen by the parent or birthday child)," explains Ms. Ashton.

Three options include the Basic Party Package, with solid colored table cloths, lunch and dessert plates, and napkins (color chosen by the child); helium balloons, confetti, candles, candy, and one or two party favors, such as lip gloss, necklaces, note pads, toy cars, dinosaurs, lizards, buttons, stickers, balls, small glitter wands, etc.

A second option is to have food provided by Color Me Mine. Most popular is Pizza Star pizza, 100 percent juice boxes, and assorted snacks. "Most often we do cupcakes, but we can also offer personalized birthday c kes," says

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MAGIC MOMENT: Children enjoy a birthday party with entertainment by a magician at Peggy Sue's Ice Cream parlor in Lawrenceville.

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Ms. Ashton.

"For an additional charge, we also do themed parties in just about any theme you can dream of — Hannah Montana, Cars the Movie, Thomas the Train, Barbie, Bratz, *High School Musical*, *101 Dalmatians*, dinosaurs, Princess, etc."

She adds that the theme can be for the pottery only or carried out for the entire party, with decorations, plates, etc.

Among the items available to be painted are banks and boxes in all shapes and sizes with a full range of motifs, such as animals, sports (football, soccer, baseball, basketball, etc.), cars, including Hummers, race cars, Beetles, monster trucks, and miscellany such as castles, flowers, fairies, princesses, and rainbows.

Heart Plates

Figurines include animals of all kinds, dinosaurs, dragons and dolphins, also mermaids and princesses.

Popular mugs (also in many shapes and sizes) are lions, sharks, dinosaurs, and rainbows. Pencil holders and cell phone/I-pod holders are other favorites.

"The girls especially like to paint heart plates, vases, lotus bowls, and flower dishes," adds Ms. Ashton.

No birthday party is complete without ice cream, as Peggy Sue's Ice Cream parlor knows very well. This popular store is not only filled with a full range of sundaes, shakes, and sodas, but also with a myriad of 1950s memorabilia. Posters and photos of Elvis, Buddy Holly, Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, Lucy, and other icons of the '50s are everywhere. Songs of the time, including the store's namesake, "Peggy Sue" (the famous Buddy Holly song) play in the background, and framed LP and 45 records decorate the walls, along with old Coca Cola ads and newspaper reports of the time.

The ice cream counter with its spinning hot pink stools invite you back to that Rock and Roll decade of 50 years ago, and the black and white checkerboard floor is another reminder.

An upstairs party room provides the setting for the many birthday theme parties held at Peggy Sue's on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The major focus of the parties is the creation of ice cream sundaes, which the children make themselves.

"We put out all the toppings, and they choose their favorite," says owner Susan Kleinschmidt (otherwise known as Peggy Sue). "Current ice cream favorite flavors are cotton candy (blue and pink) and birthday cake (blue and white, with little pieces of cake in it). We also have an ice cream pizza, and we sing 'Happy Birthday' with that."

Smaller Kids

In addition, a variety of different themes, including "High School Musical", is offered. "That is very popular," reports Peggy Sue. "We have "High School Musical" paper, pom poms, and karaoke with music from the show."

Other themes involve

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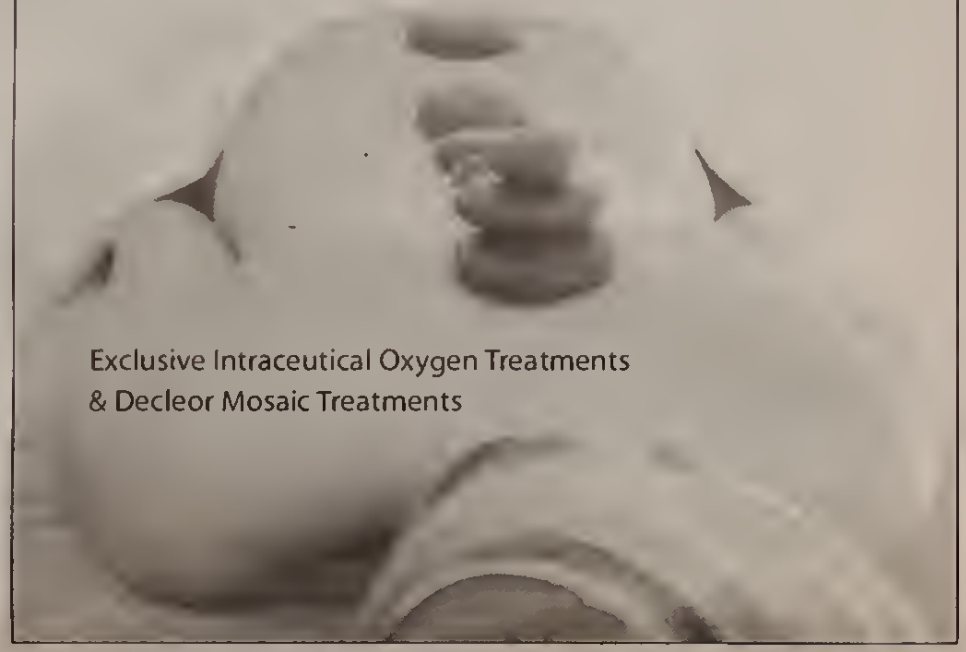

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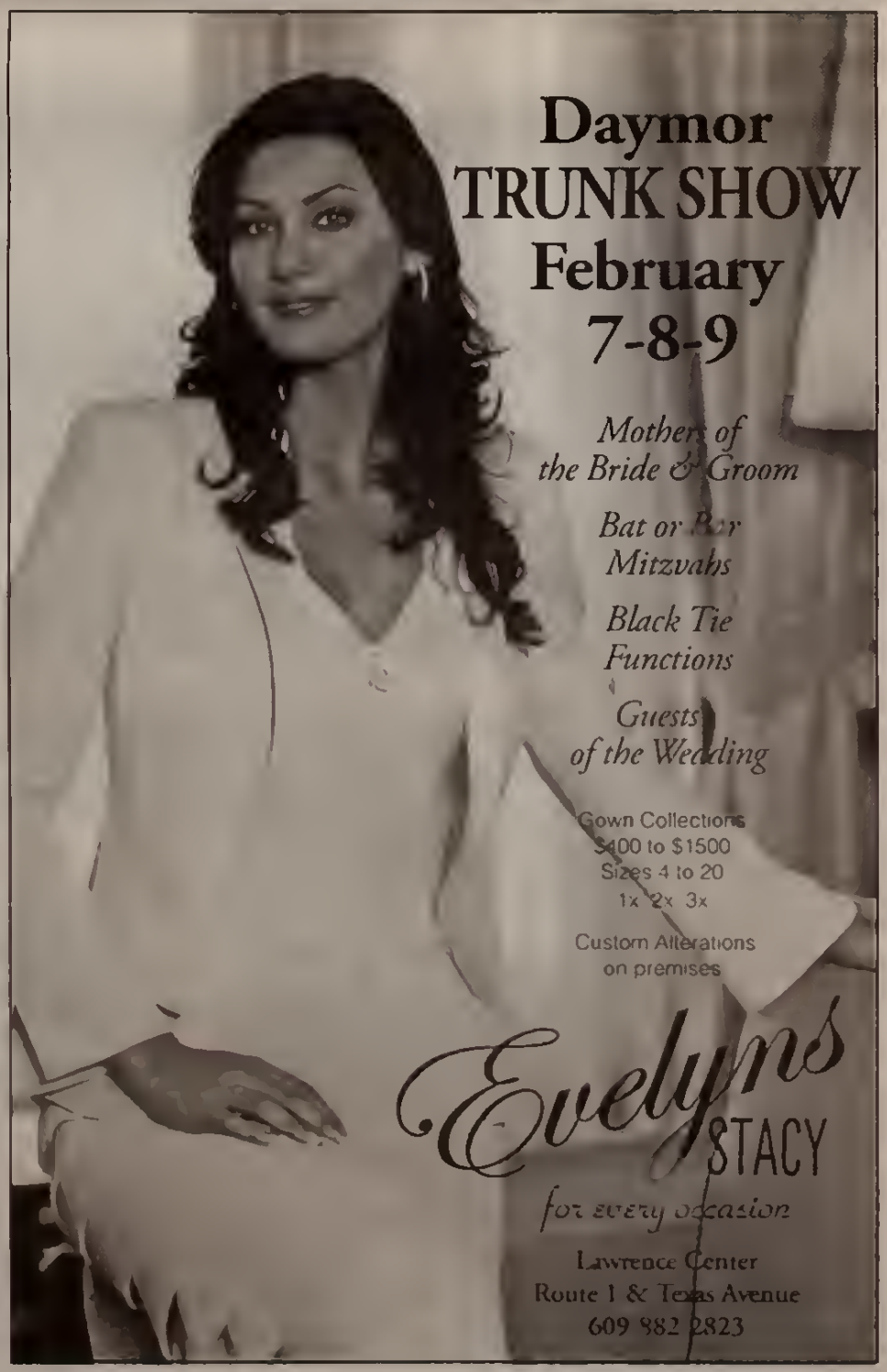

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crafts, such as beading and decorating a crown, and stickers and drawing for the smaller kids.

"Princess parties are very popular with little girls," she adds. "Sometimes, they wear costumes. The most fun is when we have limbo, and they dance around and under the poles."

In warmer weather, the children can also play with hula hoops and little parachutes in the back yard, and Peggy Sue notes that "We have a magician for some of the parties, as well as a clown. We provide all the party papers, balloons, and we also have a little marquee outside with the child's name and Happy Birthday. We always have music, we keep the kids entertained, and they have a lot of fun."

Parties are held Saturday and Sunday 12 to 1:30, 3 to 4:30, and Friday (for teens) 6 to 8 p.m. No more than 30 people can be accommodated, and there is a 10 to 15-person minimum for parties.

Every girl — whatever her age – wants to look her best, and Snip-its children's hair salon offers just the thing for a fun-filled, fashion-forward birthday party.

Red Carpet

Three party themes include Trip to Hollywood, Glamour, and Style a Doll. The first two offer a chance to get dressed up, have a manicure, special up-do, and walk model-like on a red carpeted "catwalk".

The Style a Doll theme allows the birthday guests to try out their styling techniques by giving the girls' play-dolls a make-over, including new hair style and make-up.

Children from four and up come to the parties where they enjoy birthday cake and juice and take home a goody bag filled with treats. The parties are an hour and a half and are held on days and time of the parents' choosing.

Owners Sue Kumra and Wendy Handa and the staff provide instruction and guidance.

For a total change of pace, there are adventure games, such as the popular Paint Ball (in which projectiles filled with paint are hurled or shot at opponents) and Outdoor Laser Tag, both favorites for birthday parties.

Offered by Combat Sports USA, the latter takes place on a site of 20 acres in Manalapan. "Outdoor Laser Tag has become one of the most popular activities for birthday parties over the past few years, as children can experience all the fun and excitement of paint ball without the pain and mess," says owner Lori Peppard.

"Unlike paint ball, there are no projectiles involved, and each laser utilizes infrared technology similar to that of a TV remote to 'tag' sensors worn by an opponent."

It continues to grow in popularity for parties, she adds. "When one kid decides to play Outdoor Laser Tag at his party and invites his friends, they have so much fun that they all want to do it for their birthdays. Even the moms and dads get into the act, and we have been seeing some of the same families and groups of friends coming back year after year."

Some of the most popular games played at the birthday parties include Capture the Flag, Escort the V.I.P., Convoy Escort, and King of the Hill. "One of the best things about Outdoor Laser Tag is the fact that kids get to spend time having fun in the woods," notes Ms. Peppard. "So many young people come from towns and neighborhoods where they don't get to experience real nature. Outdoor Laser Tag gives them an opportunity to run around with each other and just be kids."

The children, who are predominantly boys — although girls have been known to participate — are nine and up, and typically 10 participate in a game. It is fun for teens too, and sessions are two hours.

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